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RCMP puts wrap on Keegstra probe; now in hands of AG

By
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EDMONTON — The Royal Canadian Mounted Police has wrapped up its 3-month investigation of ex-Eckville high school teacher Jim Keegstra and a report has been submitted to Alberta Attorney-General Neil Crawford.

Crawford must now decide whether criminal charges should be laid against Keegstra for publicly promoting hatred of Jews.

Keegstra was suspended by Alberta school authorities last December, after Eckville parents complained he was introducing their children with anti-semitic propaganda. He has been accused of telling his pupils that the Holocaust was nothing more than a hoax growing out of a "Zionist conspiracy."

Eckville, with a population of 900, has no Jewish residents.

The charge could involve communicating statements promoting hatred and is provided for under Section 281.2 of the Criminal Code of Canada. This is the first investigation of its kind in Alberta under this section [see CJN Aug. 11].

Dorothy Daniels, media communications officer in the attorney-general's office in Edmonton, could not determine when Crawford will make a decision on the Keegstra case, but estimated it will take over a month for him to go through the RCMP report.

Daniels did not want to speculate on what action would be taken until the report received Sept. 16, has been assessed. The police documents will first be examined by department officials in the attorney-general's office, who will make recommendations on it. It will then be handed over to Crawford for further study.

The report is several volumes in length and includes statements from 300 people interviewed.

Statements came from Keegstra, Eckville Junior and Senior High School principal Edwin Olsen and students and teachers at the school.

Also interviewed was Joseph Riwash, a Nazi hunter and authority on the Holocaust who lives in Montreal.

Riwash is author of Resistance and Revenge which is compulsory reading for students of the Holocaust at the University of Montreal and McGill University. From 1945-1959 Riwash served as an investigator with the legal department of the U.S. army in Germany. His files were used in the prosecution of Adolf Eichmann.

Inspector John Hart of Edmonton has been responsible for the RCMP investigation which began in late June at the request of Crawford.

Hart declined to comment on the results of the

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Believes strength brings peace

Shamir not an image maker

By
YOEL COHEN

JERUSALEM [WZPS] — Although Yitzhak Shamir has been Israel's foreign minister since 1980, a period in which Israel completed its withdrawal from Sinai, and the country experienced its sixth war, he remains something of an unknown quantity to many people outside the Jewish state.

Whereas the defence minister, Moshe Arens, not to speak of previous foreign ministers like Abba Eban and Moshe Dayan, are known and remembered in government diplomatic circles abroad and in Jewish communities, Shamir has a quiet workmanlike style in which getting things done seems to supercede public opinion for their own sake.

While a gift for image building seems a worthwhile asset for a budding foreign minister, Yitzhak Shamir appeared to belong to the old school of diplomats who respect the conventions of traditional diplomacy, preferring to maintain international relations through the recognized diplomatic channels.

Rather than go in for the personal image building, like Dayan, or conduct diplomatic maneuvers through leaks to the media, like Henry Kissinger, Shamir preferred the norm accepted before World War I when statesmen placed importance on establishing credibility among each other, conducting their business and establishing their relationships away from public attention.

By personality and by experience, Shamir is not publicity seeking. As his officials explain, Shamir's approach has been to go over the details, read all the cables, and do everything to establish solid working relationships with other foreign statesmen. The same is also true of U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz. And the common chemistry in the personalities of the two men probably helped create a solid base of mutual understanding between them.

Shamir's relations with Begin have always been reported as close. Similarly, inside the foreign ministry relationships are cordial and respectful between the minister and his officials, many of whom began their foreign service careers during the Labor years.

Indeed, according to David Landau, diplomatic correspondent of The Jerusalem Post, morale in the ministry has improved during Shamir's tenure. This is partly due to Shamir's close interest in each stage of major campaigns involving Israel, in contrast to someone like Dayan, who preferred to be informed only on the broad lines of policy.

The high morale is also due to Shamir respecting the advice of his senior officials. Among this circle are David Kimche, who, apart from being the ministry's director-general, is an acknowledged expert on Lebanon. It was he who signed the withdrawal accord with Lebanon on behalf of the Israeli government.

To Shamir, Israel's Middle East policy should be based on the twin concepts of peace and security. "Where there is strength, there is peace. Peace will be unattainable if Israel is weak or perceived to be so," Shamir has argued.

Yitzhak Shamir

Shamir voted against the Camp David agreement when it was brought before the Knesset, since he thought that too much territory had been given back and this made Israeli territorially vulnerable. To ensure Israel does not find itself in the position it was before June 5, 1967 Israel must maintain a margin of security.

As foreign minister, Shamir accepts Camp David. He is basically optimistic that peaceful relations between Egypt and Israel will continue since, he argues, it is in Egypt's interest to maintain peace. He notes, however, that although there is no war, the positive sides of the Egyptian-Israeli agreement, including economic relations, have not been implemented. The Lebanese war further divided the two countries.

Shamir rejects the cliche that it is natural for Egypt to regain her place in the Arab world at the expense of the "unnaturalness" of relations with Israel.

Shamir's outlook cannot be grasped however without understanding the primary regard given to the historical and religious links between the land and the people. The relationship is indivisible and influences his attitude to other issues.

Thus, Israeli rejection of a Palestinian state in Judea and Samaria is not only an issue of the security challenge which such a state would pose but also one concerning the indissoluble links between these biblical regions and Jewish history.

The solution of the Palestinian problem is in Jordan which, Shamir points out, was born out of Palestine. "The state today known as the Kingdom of Jordan is an integral part of what once was known as Palestine; its inhabitants therefore are Palestinian — not different in their language, culture or religious and demographic composition from other Palestinians," he wrote last year in the influential journal, Foreign Affairs.

Jews, Poles seeking amity

WASHINGTON [JTA] — Jews and Poles were urged to "lay aside" their "mutual antagonism" in a call for amity by six prominent members of both groups here.

A statement, noting that Jews and Poles face similar concerns in today's world, was signed by Simon Wiesenthal, head of the war crimes documentation centre in Vienna, Joseph Lichten of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, and Michael Borwicz, an author and historian.

The Polish signatories were Prof. Jan Karski of Georgetown University, Jerzy Lerski, professor emeritus at San Francisco University, and Jan Nowak, director of the Polish-American Congress. Wiesenthal and Borwicz are Holocaust survivors.

The statement, released on the 44th anniversary of Nazi Germany's invasion of Poland, acknowledged that the "mutual antagonism" arose from Jewish bitterness over anti-semitism in Poland in this century. It noted, however, the sacrifices by non-Jewish Poles to rescue Jews during World War II and other reasons why Poles believe the depth of anti-semitism has been exaggerated.

"Mutual recrimination serves no useful purpose," the statement said. "Men of goodwill are trying to create a real dialogue and mutual understanding. Let us use this dialogue to find what unites Jews and Poles. In that connection, the statement referred to the dangers shared by Poland and Israel.

"Poland's geographical position makes it particularly vulnerable to the current Soviet menace and Israel is surrounded by a sea of hostile Arab countries," the statement said.

It suggested that "rapprochement" between Jews and Poles would be advanced if Poles "at home and abroad" forcefully supported Israel and if all Jews would support the right of "people of all nationalities and religions" — not just Soviet Jews — to emigrate from the Soviet Union.

Timbrell's off to Israel for an agricultural fair

TORONTO — Dennis Timbrell, Ontario's minister of agriculture and food, will be in Israel from Sept. 30 to Oct. 5. He will be visiting Agritech 83, Israel's international agricultural fair, as well as tour agricultural facilities and manufacturing sites in Israel.

Yair Ofek, Israel's trade commissioner in Canada, says the Timbrell visit "is an important step in cementing Ontario-Israel agricultural ties and in gaining exposure for Israel's agricultural expertise and equipment."

Timbrell's itinerary will be handled by the Israel Export Institute and the ministry of agriculture and will include meetings with Israeli ministers of agriculture, Pessach Grupper, and of industry and trade, Gideon Patt.

A change in deadline

Because of the Thanksgiving long weekend the Oct. 13 issue of The CJN will go to press earlier.

Editorial deadline for this issue is noon on Tuesday, Oct. 4; advertising deadline is Wednesday noon, Oct. 5. Your co-operation will be appreciated.

Barring a final hitch, Shamir will be PM

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Yitzhak Shamir is like a long distance runner who has one more hurdle to overcome before he reaches the finish line.

Last week, President Chaim Herzog named Shamir, the foreign minister, prime minister-designate. Now all he has to do is to form a government and be sworn in to succeed Menachem Begin, who announced his resignation at the end of August.

Earlier this month, Shamir defeated David Levy, deputy prime minister, as Herut's standard bearer. Then, in his drive toward the premiership, he won the assent in principle of the smaller parties which comprise the Likud coalition.

No one expects Shamir to falter as he gets closer to his goal. He has about three weeks to establish a government. But, if he requires more time, Herzog is obliged to accommodate him.

Shamir, who will be Israel's seventh Prime Minister if all goes well, has called for a national unity regime in deference to the wishes of two of his coalition partners — the liberals and telem.

Shimon Peres, the head of the Labor Party, will have no truck with the suggestion. As widely expected, Peres rejected the overture, declaring: "The policies of

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World-National

Expelling Arabs not the answer

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Rabbi Meir Kahane and the Jewish Defence League which he heads are primarily known for bold and often violent expressions of Jewish self-assertion. They are also characterized by the fact that in the Diaspora they are not part of communal structures but act on their own, often disregarding the policy of the Jewish community. They believe that they know how to fight anti-semitism and deal with Arabs, which in their perception makes them the key to Jewish survival.

Rabbi Plaut

In Israel, where Kahane now lives, his movement is known as Kach. Its philosophy has recently been spelled out for the English-speaking public in an article which appeared in the New York Times. The author is Meir Kahane himself, and it is well to know his views and what motivates him when it comes to Israel.

His approach to the Jewish state is based on the following assumption: **If Israel continues to be a democracy which gives to all its citizens equal rights, the Arabs will by-and-by become the majority and thereby undermine and destroy the Jewishness of the state.**

For Kahane, therefore, democracy in Israel is an inherent contradiction to the purpose of the Jewish state. Says he: "The very idea of a democratic Jewish state is nonsense. A state can be permanently defined as Jewish or as democratic, but never both."

He is, of course, not the first to recognize the inherent threat of a growing Arab population to the Jewishness of Israel. It is for that reason precisely that many people inside and outside of the Jewish state (myself included) believe that the annexation of the West Bank (Judea and Samaria) with its million to million-and-a-half Arabs, would be catastrophic in the long run. It would indeed lead to an Arabization of Israel — that is, if Israel remains a democratic state which does not distinguish between two types of citizens — those who have full rights and those who do not, Jews who are the rulers and Arabs who are the ruled.

A state with equal rights for all its inhabitants was the vision of the state's founders. The Israel Declaration of Independence assures the equality of all citizens. What does Meir Kahane and Kach make of this basic document of the state? They declare:

"Israel's Declaration of Independence is a schizophrenic document, for it speaks of the establishment of a Jewish state in the land of Israel while in the same breath offering equal social and political rights to all citizens regardless of religion. That is clearly an absurdity — a contradiction in terms. A Jewish state by definition is one with a majority of Jews who can, thus, establish their own sovereignty and become captains of their own fate."

Kahane conjures up a scenario in which Jews everywhere in Israel will become the minority because of rising emigration and falling immigration, lower Jewish and higher Arab birth rates. How can this be prevented? Kahane's solution is simple: get rid of all the Arabs, especially in the West Bank.

He calls this "a population exchange" for the hundreds of thousands of Jews who left Arab countries several decades ago.

The article is headed "For a Jewish state, annex and expel" and he finds in it no contradiction to Jewish morality. "Jewish survival demands this course," he says, and that is the highest form of morality there is.

The Kahane scenario is, fortunately, not the only one that exists. Rather than expelling Arabs we should try to attract Jews to Israel. Expelling Arabs or depriving them of civil rights would not create a Jewish state but rather an un-Jewish state.

It is the glory of Israel to have maintained a live and vibrant democracy even in the most difficult circumstances and in a war that is now 35 years old. Replacing it with a state in which might triumphs over right would be run counter to those who have dreamed of Zion restored.

Foundation of Judaism emphasized

Simchat Torah brings out flags

By
MOSHE VINE

JERUSALEM — "Make sure you have a flag to wave in the Simchat Torah parade. What beautiful flags there are this year . . . there's a special one here just for you. Look at their decorations — how can you resist?"

At practically every street corner in Jerusalem during the holiday of Succoth the local entrepreneurs, be they young or old, have a complete stock of Simchat Torah flags. During Succoth when the city is filled with visitors and families circulate throughout every corner of Jerusalem, the sales of Simchat Torah flags reach unprecedented proportions.

Each year one wonders how the flags can be improved and made even more lovely; and each year you realize that it is really the spirit which excites, with the flag following in its wake.

Prior to the use of flags on Simchat Torah, children would light up the leftover willow branches from the lulav and march around the synagogue during the Torah processional. Concern for fire damage persuaded the rabbinical authorities to authorize only the use of lighted tapers in the processional. When these proved too dangerous, flags were instituted, topped with apples or beets into which candles were inserted and lit.

Beautifully decorated Torah scrolls in Simchat Torah processional in Tel Aviv.

While the use of candles has diminished, the flags have multiplied a thousand times over.

The early flags were inscribed with the phrase "Degel Mahane Yehuda" — the flag of the Camp of Judah, a phrase from the Torah, also an indication that the majority of the Jewish people today are descended from the tribe of Judah, though some diehards still claim descent from the Ten Lost Tribes.

The flags were gaily decorated with pictures of animals, lions in particular. Biblical scenes were quite numerous — one well known flag has the Akedah, the story of the binding of Isaac by Abraham.

In the early part of the 20th century on the east side of New York, flags were frequently provided by various commercial companies for the kids. One well known flag bears the imprint of the State Bank of New York, strong as the Rock of Gibraltar, along with the traditional song Sisu VeSimchu Be Simchat Torah. From an advertising perspective, kosher wine and candles were often promoted through flags freely distributed in the 1940s and 1950s. Today the advertising use of the flags seems to have disappeared but the message of the holiday still comes through loud and clear.

In order to ensure that children also feel the joy of Simchat Torah, their use of the flags has been encouraged. In fact those who waved their flags the most were frequently rewarded with candles and sweets. A picture from Amsterdam in the last century shows sweetcakes being thrown at children on the Simchat Torah march.

Since Simchat Torah is a time in which the foundation of Judaism, the Torah, is emphasized, it is important that there be a blending of the Torah with the joy and beauty that stems from it. The Torah is not just a set of regulations by which Jews live, but it strikes a sense of balance between regularity and spontaneity, between austerity and joy.

There are times of solemnity, which it promulgates, but there are also times of rejoicing.

For the Jew, a unique aspect of the rejoicing is that it takes place within the context of the synagogue and with the holiest of all Jewish objects, the Torah.

Children are encouraged to participate in this exhilaration of Simchat Torah in a variety of ways. One is through flag waving in the Torah processional. The flag is a symbol of a spiritual outlook not only of a people but also of the joy of the Torah, God's gift to mankind.

As the children excitedly weave themselves into the joy of the celebration, they, too, begin to sense the all encompassing web of the teachings of the Torah. Rather than a mere scroll hidden away in the ark, it appears as a living and vibrant entity which helps to direct and guide our lives.

As the children hold their flags aloft, they are expressing a pride which hopefully will take on deeper and deeper significance as they mature and learn more of the Torah and the spiritual heritage it offers.

Just the other day while wandering through an older section of Jerusalem, I overheard the voice of gentlemen at prayer. Locating the sound, I entered a building and found a group of Tunisian Jews deep in prayer. The festive decorations in their small synagogue were Simchat Torah flags used since the establishment of the State of Israel — 35 in all, gaily bedecking the walls.

One, in particular, was quite touching — a drawing by E. M. Lillien of a man envisioning Zion Reborn. Copied from an early print of the artist, it caught for me at that moment the spirit of the past, present and future. I understood then what the flag really means.

Symbolically, as a standard, the flag roots us in the reality of today but it also points us to a new and more creative tomorrow. As we wave our flags this year — we can proudly reaffirm the fullness of Zion and the Joy of the Torah which stems from it, reaching out to Jews the world over.

Israeli speed stunned Arafat

PLO set bait, caught self

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

As they were being evacuated from West Beirut last September, Yasser Arafat and his cronies boasted that the PLO had won the war in Lebanon.

The claim was far-fetched, for the Israel Defence Forces had routed the PLO from southern Lebanon in just a matter of days. But Palestinian spokesmen, content to ignore reality, propagated the myth, built around Israel's 79-day siege of Beirut.

According to an article in the Journal of Palestine Studies, the quarterly which serves as a sounding board for Palestinian intellectuals and their non-Arab sympathizers, the PLO's braggadocio rested on a flimsy foundation.

Yezid Sayigh, described as a researcher and writer on Middle Eastern affairs, writes in a closely-reasoned piece that the PLO failed to formulate or improvise a strategy to confront the expected Israeli invasion in June of 1982.

The PLO, he says in an essay which is bound to set off debate, had deployed for Israel's attack. Indeed, Arafat taunted the Israelis to launch their offensive.

But when Israel finally struck, the PLO was sent reeling. Even Arafat, in an interview reprinted in the Journal of Palestine Studies, acknowledged his surprise at the "speed" in which Israel reached the gates of Beirut.

The problems the Palestinians faced were multi-faceted.

First of all, they had to fight on two fronts prior to June of 1982 — confronting Israel, as well as enemies within Lebanon such as the Christian militias.

In practice, the Palestinians had to arm, train, organize, plan and deploy in two distinct, often contradictory, ways to confront two separate enemies.

Palestinians needed flexibility when up against Israeli forces — fighting in small bands as guerillas — but high concentration in men and equipment when facing Lebanese enemies.

They appear to have fared well in standing up to their Lebanese adversaries. But they did poorly against Israel.

Sayigh says the Palestinians were not really organized for the Israeli thrust into Lebanon. Once Israel controlled the countryside and positions around coastal cities like Tyre and Sidon, Palestinian forces "ceased to exist . . ."

Moreover, they fought without the benefit of a local central command, and chaos ensued.

The PLO, too, was hobbled by its inability to bring up reserves when the going got tough. If the Palestinians had been able to do this, they could have inflicted higher casualties on Israel, he claims.

Sayigh doesn't think much of Palestinian handling of the weaponry they possessed, or of their training.

Their men, he explains, misused anti-tank missiles, T-34 tanks and needlessly exposed their anti-aircraft guns to Israeli surveillance flights.

PLO artillery was effective during the siege of Beirut, but didn't measure up at other times.

Maintenance of armored vehicles was poor, while technical training, in general, was deficient. All too often, Palestinian fighters were taught "inapplicable" skills. And training provided in refugee camps was "more relevant" than that given in "friendly countries" — by which he presumably means Arab lands and the Soviet Union and its satellites.

In his critique, Sayigh takes the PLO to task for trying to combine guerrilla with regular warfare against Israel.

As he puts it:

"The use of large formations and heavy weapons requires a much broader human base; in the absence of this, elite units built through better planning and training would be more appropriate."

In his estimation, the PLO and its Lebanese allies are drawing the correct conclusions from the war by launching a guerrilla war of attrition against the Israel Defence Forces in Lebanon.

Since last September, more than 100 Israeli troops have been killed by remote-controlled bombs, grenade attacks and direct automatic arms ambushes.

Palestinian and Lebanese casualties have been light in these encounters, not exceeding 15 killed and captured, and Sayigh states: "For the first time in the history of the Arab-Israeli conflict, Israeli forces are suffering more than one-to-one casualties."

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With Israel having deployed its troops to a line south of the Awali River, it remains to be seen whether it will have more success now in curbing such attacks.

The Israelis will have less territory to patrol, but the population under their jurisdiction will still be large, while the terrain — mountainous and wooded — will favor guerrillas.

Witnesses make emotional presentation

Alberta students hear, see horrors of Holocaust

By
TAMMY KAROL

ECKVILLE, Alberta — Students at Eckville Junior and Senior High School sat transfixed on a recent Monday morning as they listened to the horrors of the Holocaust, related by three "living witnesses."

The grim presentation by Aba Beer, president of the 1,000-member Canadian Association of Survivors of Nazi Oppression, Montrealer Lou Zablow and Vera Slymovitz of Vancouver, visibly moved the 70 students in attendance, causing one girl to break into tears.

In what principal Edwin Olsen called a "very touching and emotional" presentation, the trio, through the film, The Genocide and relating atrocities of the Nazi death camps, seemed to leave no question in the students' minds that the Holocaust was definitely real.

Many of the students had been taught by their former teacher, Jim Keegstra, that the slaughter of six million Jews during World War II, never occurred. Keegstra was fired last year for teaching these theories.

But judging by the teen-agers' grim expressions in the school gym, what they heard about the trio's wartime experiences was more than enough to convince them that the Holocaust did take place.

When asked what he intended to accomplish at the school, Beer said: "The students' minds were poisoned with ideas of hate and propaganda and I hope that by us being here we can plant in their minds some seeds of tolerance, knowledge, and understanding.

"It is difficult to explain the Holocaust and it is not pleasant to hear about it. Nevertheless, this story must be told, as it is our duty to be aware of demagogues who preach racial hatred and bigotry."

The trio had paid their own way to this small Alberta town in order to tell their story.

Principal Olsen noted that on Remembrance Day, movies on World War II are shown to classes "but none are as explicit as The Genocide." He added that also hearing personal testimony from Holocaust survivors was a most effective way of remembering.

Following screening of The Genocide, students were split into three groups and joined by three teachers and six parents. Each Holocaust survivor then took one group and related his or her own experience in the Nazi death camps.

Beer is a survivor of the Pryzemysl ghetto and the Lembert camp while Zablow was in the Lodz ghetto and Auschwitz. Slymovitz spent several years in Auschwitz and the Cracow camp.

According to Beer, students at first seemed to be wary about asking questions, but later, they opened up.

Some pupils wanted to know personal details of Beer's life; others questioned him about Keegstra's teachings.

When one boy asked Beer how he could prove six million Jews died in the camps, he responded: "We know the number of Jews in Europe before the war and the Germans had statistics of how many perished."

In response to a query on a Jewish campaign to take over the world, Beer answered angrily: "That's nonsense. Facts can be checked as to who has money and who doesn't."

Olsen estimated 10 students did not attend the 2-hour Holocaust session. Several had their parents consent; others were just skipping school.

A number of teenagers refused to be there because they said they were overtired of the Holocaust subject and the notorious exposure given to their town by the media.

Since the Keegstra affair, Olsen has requested that the Holocaust film Memorandum be shown to all students from grades 7 through 12. Also, he arranged for six grade 12 students and one teacher to attend a symposium on the Holocaust several months ago at the University of British Columbia.

Olsen indicated that he was pleased by the student attendance at last week's Holocaust seminar, but he was definitely annoyed by the media's turnout.

Many students were hounded outside the school by reporters before and after the Jewish trio's workshop sessions. Reporters were barred from the gymnasium and a teacher kept guard on the door to make sure there was privacy.

Olsen is annoyed that some journalists have made Eckville nationally notorious over the Keegstra affair.

"They (journalists) think of us as rednecks isolated from the rest of the world. They think we have never heard of the Holocaust, yet they fail to realize that many parents of our students were in the armed forces during World War II and knew what was going on."

Beer said he does not know if the students believed what he told them about Nazi atrocities, but he feels that most of them now disagree with Keegstra's teachings.

Jacobson will receive Israel service award

HALIFAX — Samuel Jacobson will receive the 35th Anniversary of Israel Award at an Israel Bonds dinner in his honor, Sunday, Oct. 16, at the Shaar Shalom Synagogue in Halifax.

The award is given "for distinguished service in strengthening Israel's economy."

Jacobson, a long-time Zionist activist in Halifax, has studied how other countries have met their economic problems and has tried to adapt the solutions to Israel.

He had the idea for the sale of bonds before Israel Bonds became a reality, and brought his idea to the attention of the financial secretary of the Jewish Agency in 1948.

The guest speaker for the dinner will be Dr. Stephen B. Zatuchni, an international consultant in foreign and defence policies.

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Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: Why do we celebrate Simchat Torah after Succoth ends? Why not have all this singing and dancing when we celebrate the giving of the Torah at Shavuoth time?

Simchat Torah was not always celebrated throughout the Jewish world. It belongs to the Babylonian tradition of completing the reading of the Torah once a year. Those who opted for the Triennial Reading of the Law could not celebrate this joyous festival once a year. For them, the reading of a Sefer Torah took three years, and the festivities that go with this siyum could only arise once every three years.

Rabbi Burak

It was necessary for the Diaspora to triumph over the Israeli tradition before we could get the universal celebration of this holy festival. The halachic history of the triumph of this Babylonian tradition is detailed for us in volume 2, page 35-46 of 'Iyunim u-Mehkarim, published in Jerusalem in 1963 by Rabbi Shaul Kook.

But, what we are glorifying is the completion of the reading of the Torah rather than the giving of the Law. When someone gives you a valuable book you may not read it. So, too, it is one thing to receive the Torah; to read it is another matter. To read it week by week, to study it every week, adds yet another dimension. To complete the reading of the entire Torah, and right after that to begin once again at Bereshis is an even loftier concept. No other literary material commands such love and loyalty; the word of God, alone, deserves such veneration.

We signalize, therefore, not the giving of the Law but the unending inspiration of that Law, as is shown by the yearly completion of our Torah cycle. It is completion that counts and is much more important than the most auspicious beginning. Most weddings are glamourous festivals that all too often overlook the importance of reading the ketubah in its entirety . . . reading only a few lines from it. But, that document should be read not only under the canopy, but at home and abroad.

Still, one gets the distinct impression that even among those who faithfully attend morning services on Shabbes, not everyone hears the whole parsha being read. Sometimes, one misses a sentence or two of the Torah reading courtesy of a squalling baby which has been brought into the sanctuary to receive universal admiration. The infant, however, decides that it is only right for him to be heard as well as seen. This can be forgiven; a child who has such early associations with synagogue and Torah will grow up to be loyal to our holy faith.

There are others who find the Sabbath service rather long; it's almost like a day at school, and how can one go from 9 in the morning to noon without a bit of recess? What better time for recess than during the Torah reading! Recess calls for a little refreshment or a lot. In the course of all this, a substantial part of the Torah portion of the week is missed.

Such people have a lot of reading in the Torah to make up before they can join in the Simchat Torah celebrations.

State legislator latest Jewish arson victim

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. [JTA] —

Police are investigating a pre-dawn fire which damaged the home of a Jewish state legislator on Yom Kippur in what authorities said was the fourth arson attack on the Jewish community here in less than six weeks.

The home of Rep. Joan Kemler and her husband, Dr. Leonard Kemler, was damaged by a fire reported shortly before 6 a.m. The Kemlers and their two children fled the house. Firefighters said the fire was confined to the outside walls of the first and second stories of the home.

"It definitely was a case of arson," said police chief Francis Reynolds. "Accelerants were used." He said two empty soda pop bottles were found outside the home that were apparently filled with gasoline used to ignite the fire.

Kemler had been outspoken on the three earlier incidents. On Aug. 10, arsonists destroyed the sanctuary and study hall of the Young Israel Synagogue, an Orthodox congregation.

Several days later, a fire damaged the building and several religious articles at the Emanuel Synagogue, a Conservative congregation of which the Kemlers are members. The following day, a firebomb was thrown into the study of the home of Rabbi Solomon Krupka, the spiritual leader of the Young Israel Synagogue.

Despite the more than $25,000 in reward money offered for information leading to the arrest of the persons responsible for the series of attacks, and the increased police protection and investigations, no arrests have been made. The Jewish Defense League announced recently that it would initiate armed patrols in the area.

"Obviously there is someone very close in the area who has targeted a few places and a few people in the area," Kemler said after attending Yom Kippur services. There are some 7,300 Jewish residents out of a population of more than 60,000 in this affluent suburban community.

Ottawa U, JSU-Hillel off to a smooth start

By
GAYE APPLEBAUM

OTTAWA —

The Jewish Students Union-Hillel [JSU-Hillel] at the University of Ottawa joined other clubs on campus without incident during the recent annual welcome week program.

JSU-Hillel members set up a membership table with a number of pamphlets on Israel and local Jewish activities in an effort to attract some of the university's 300 Jewish students to the club.

Last year when JSU-Hillel applied for a table, it was told it could not participate. The executive body of the students' federation of the university (the Central Coordinating Committee, CCC) had met during the summer and decided not to allow the Jewish club on campus because of its support for Israel. The CCC issued a number of press releases strongly condemning the war in Lebanon and the JSU-Hillel club for continuing to support Israel.

That decision led to a bitter year-long struggle between the CCC and JSU-Hillel resulting in the precedent-setting impeachment of the five people who made up the CCC.

Jordan Charness, president of the national capital region JSU-Hillel (which includes both Ottawa and Carleton universities) said: "It's been quiet, unlike last year. We'd heard the Palestinian students were active over the summer and we're waiting to see the results of that activity."

Charness added: "We intend to be extremely visible politically this year . . . to make up for the time taken away from us last year."

Charness manned the table along with newly appointed student coordinator Gerry Cammy. Cammy said people stopped by continually throughout the 3-day program. What was especially gratifying, he said, was the number of non-Jews "who came by to say we're glad to see you're here this week."

Charness reported a "tenfold increase in membership over last year . . . The Jewish students here are pleased we followed through with this thing. They are no longer anxious to hide on this campus where the Arab students still outnumber us three to one," he said.

New UN president calls for PLO-led Palestinian state

NEW YORK [JTA] —

The newly elected president of the United Nations General Assembly, Jorge Illueca, vice-president of Panama, called in his inaugural speech last week for the establishment of a Palestinian state under the leadership of the PLO.

Illueca said, at the same time, that "until the right of all states in the area to live in peace within the secure and recognized borders is guaranteed," there will be no peace in the Middle East.

But the Panamanian diplomat, elected last week at the opening sessions of the UN's General Assembly, stressed the rights of the Palestinian people.

He said they include "the right to independence and the establishment of its own free, independent and non-aligned state on Palestinian territory, under the leadership of the PLO, the authentic political representative" of the Palestinian people.

Israel's ambassador to the UN, Yehuda Blum, is expected to attack that proposal when he delivers Israel's major foreign policy address Oct. 3.

The U.S. Senate, long dissatisfied with the General Assembly's seeming bias against Israel, last week recommended to reduce the U.S. allocation to the UN by $500 million.

Hebrew touch

GENEVA [JTA] —

Kassa Kebede, the new Ethiopian ambassador to the United Nations here, is a graduate of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and speaks fluent Hebrew.

The 40-year-old envoy was the minister of labor in Ethiopia from 1979 until recently. He was also chairman of the labor commission of the Organization of African Unity.

Ethiopia and Israel no longer have diplomatic relations.

BGU tribute date changed

OTTAWA —

The Canadian Associates of Ben Gurion University of the Negev have changed the date of the tribute dinner honoring Louis Rasminsky from Thursday, Oct. 13 to Sunday, Oct. 16.

The dinner will take place at the Chateau Laurier with cocktails beginning at 6 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Michael Comay, former Israeli ambassador to Canada and Maureen Forrester will be the guest artist.

Tickets for the dinner are $50 per person, with a minimum $250 donation towards the Louis Rasminsky Social Endowment Fund.

For further information, call, in Ottawa [613] 233-1116; in Montreal, Sheila Kussner [514] 733-6249; in Toronto, Bram Appel [416] 964-2710; in Winnipeg, Sol Kanee [204] 489-3141; in Vancouver, Samuel Heller [604] 224-5454.

DIARY ...of a People

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Statesman-industrialist Walter Rathenau was born Sept. 29, 1867. His and his fellow Jews' contributions to the might of their fatherland were largely forgotten as Germany slid into chaos in the days of the Weimar Republic.

Jews were prominent in Germany's development during the 1800s. Financier Gerson Bleichroeder arranged the necessary credit for Bismarck to wage the 1870 Franco-Prussian war; he also negotiated with French statesmen, including the Rothschilds, the terms of Germany's demands.

Albert Ballin developed Germany's maritime trade and merchant marine. Chemist Fritz Haber, who discovered how to extract nitrogen from the air, made Germany independent of imported explosives and fertilizers; this stimulated food production and helped Germany resist the Allied blockade begun in the early months of World War I.

Chemistry pioneer

Adolph von Baeyer, one of the first Nobel Prize winners, was a pioneer in organic chemistry. Heinrich Caro and later Richard Willstatter made Germany's dye industry, which included the I. G. Farben company, the world's leader.

Rathenau's father developed Germany's electrical industry. His Allgemeine Elektrizitaets Gesellschaft — AEG — became Europe's leading manufacturer of light bulbs and electrical components in telegraphy, automobile motors and ship engines. He also pioneered Germany's telephone service.

Walter joined AEG after 11 years of work abroad in Switzerland to direct the firm's expansion and diversification. He took over when his father died in 1915; by then, AEG was employing over 70,000 people. World War I was well underway.

An ardent German nationalist, Rathenau volunteered his services. The war raw materials department he originated and led ensured an essential supply of metals, chemicals, wool, rubber, cotton and leather. His organization, wrote historian Otto Friedrich, "enabled Germany to continue the war at least a year, perhaps two, longer than would otherwise have been possible."

One out of every six of Germany's 600,000 Jews was in uniform; 35,000 were decorated for valor. Over 10,000 were killed in battle, more than all the Jewish casualties in the Arab-Israeli wars since 1948.

Germany's defeat in 1918 resulted in the expulsion of Kaiser Wilhelm II and the overthrow of the Hohenzolern monarchy. Principal author of the new Weimer republic's constitution was Hugo Preuss, one of 13 Jews elected to the 423-seat legislature. In 1919, Rathenau was drafted as economic advisor and negotiator of war reparations.

As the representative of "the conquered aggressor," he had little say in the terms imposed by the Allies, a staggering $32 billion payable in gold. His prominence at Versailles, heightened by efforts as minister of reconstruction in 1921 to postpone or suspend payments, led many of Germany's bankrupt and unemployed to forget his former achievements and to believe right-wing charges that "the Jews stabbed Germany in the back."

When, despite the odds, he managed to negotiate improved relations with France, he was condemned by German ultra-nationalists for dealing with the enemy.

In 1922, he was appointed foreign minister, the highest position attained in Germany by a Jew. While a young and unprepossessing Adolf Hitler was jailed for leading a pathetic attempt to overthrow the government, Rathenau was making peace with Soviet Russia.

Ideological enemies

The Treaty of Rapallo opened a vast potential for Russo-German cooperation at critical moments in both countries' economies. Germany's aristocratic Junkers, long seething at the prominence of a Jew in their country's affairs, exploded with anger at the proposed accommodation with their ideological enemies.

The ugly and violent mood of the country soon made itself felt. On June 24, 1922, a group of young right-wing extremists shot Rathenau to death on the day of his office.

It was the first salvo in the destruction of Germany's democracy. Its diverse enemies, which included powerful industrialists looting the economy, conservative clerics, ultra-nationalists, monarchists, anti-democrats, extreme socialists, and fledgling Nazis, found common ground in their choice of target.

The road to another world war and the Holocaust lay directly ahead.

$6.5 million raised towards cost

Good news adds lustre to Lipa Green opening

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Describing the Lipa Green Building for Jewish Community Services "as the finest and most functional building of its kind in North America," Wilfred Posluns announced at its recent dedication that a total of $6.5 million has been raised towards the cost, bringing the campaign to within $2 million of its final goal.

This includes a contribution of $800,000 from the Ontario government and Larry Grossman, the province's treasurer, turned over a check for $500,000 at the dedication, stating that the remaining $300,000 would be paid within three months.

These announcements, plus the disclosure by Robert Kaplan, solicitor-general of Canada, that the Canadian government will undertake the establishment of a Holocaust memorial project in the building, highlighted a stirring and historic dedication ceremony witnessed by a capacity audience of 900 in a tent near the 6-storey structure adjacent to the Jewish Community Centre on north Bathurst St.

Though it had rained hard in the morning, the sun broke through during the dedication and an outdoor reception was held as planned.

Much of the audience stayed on for tours of the building and to witness the unveiling of the Donor Wall by Al Green, the placing of a time capsule by Al Latner and the affixing of a mezuza by Irving Feldman, president of Toronto Jewish Congress.

"The government of Ontario has been behind this project from day one," Grossman told the dedication audience. "Our commitment to it was never in doubt."

The provincial treasurer said it was "with great pride and enthusiasm as a member of the Toronto Jewish Congress and of the Ontario government" that he turned over the down payment of $500,000 on the province's $800,000 pledge. He said the Lipa Green Building will enable services to the Jewish community "to be co-ordinated and delivered as efficiently as anywhere in Canada."

Grossman said the Toronto Jewish community with its new headquarters building has set an example which others will seek to match. He introduced David Rotenberg, provincial member for the area.

"In our long history the Jewish people have had good times and bad times and today is one of our good times," said Solicitor-General Kaplan.

Kaplan said he had inspected the building thoroughly in the company of Jack Israeli and the details of the government's involvement in the Holocaust memorial would be unfolded "in the weeks and months ahead."

Jim Peterson, MP for Willowdale, another member of the platform party, told The CJN later that the federal government will contribute $60,000 to their Holocaust memorial.

As president of the Toronto Jewish Congress and chairman of the dedication ceremony, Irving Feldman declared: "It is my fervent wish this building will be a catalyst for an even better Jewish community service." He said his main goal is unity in the Toronto community and that the move from Beverley St. represented "not just a move in space, but a move in concept as well."

In introducing the platform party, Feldman described Wilfred Posluns "as the man who really put this together."

When it came his turn to speak, Posluns paid tribute to Al Green, chairman of the building committee, who, he said, was "at the centre of things.

"He was persistence personified, he refused to let this project die. We owe him a tremendous vote of thanks."

Posluns, immediate past president of Toronto Jewish Congress, and a member of the building committee, struck a responsive chord with the audience when he declared: "What you see is something of a miracle, as much heart and soul and dreaming as brick and mortar.

"A small group nurtured and saw it through, determined that those we served should have proper access to these services. I flatly state that I have never encountered a more diligent and purposeful group working on behalf of others."

He thanked other members of the committee, Jack Chisvin, Harry German, Harold Green, Jerome Markson, Jack Rose and Walter Zwig, and also the committee's staff members, Irwin H. Gold and Benjamin Schneider.

He also thanked the Jewish Community Centre for its gift of land for the building. Up to now, he said, a low-key campaign has been conducted, but he said he hoped members of the audience and others in the community would join in raising the $2 million still needed. "This represents a real challenge," he said. "But what must be done will be done and the Lipa Green Building will give further strength to an already vibrant Jewish community."

Mayor Mel Lastman said he was proud that the Congress headquarters will now be in North York "which has more Jews than any other city in Canada and more Holocaust survivors."

Controller Esther Shiner, Alderman Irving Chapley and Milton Berger were also present from North York Council.

Representing the Green family, Harold Green, who supervised the construction, said he wanted to confirm that all the stories about his father, Lipa Green, were true. "He had a boundless compassion for souls adrift. He sheltered anybody who asked for help."

Harold Green said their home on Major St. was the scene of many evenings of Jewish cultural content. He described the new building as "another link in the chain that binds the Green family to the Jewish community."

He recalled that his father had gone to many cities in Europe in search of any survivors of his family. "He was a stranger in strange places and he did not know the language, but in each of these places he would finger his way through the phone books, calling every Green and Greenwald in the books, and he found some."

He said he felt his father's feeling for others grew out of his own lonely, fatherless childhood. The key words for his father, he said, were involvement and Jewish education.

He thanked his son, Eric, for sharing the responsibility with him of supervising the building's construction.

Among other dignitaries introduced was Martin Mendelow, president of the Jewish Community Centre.

The opening prayer was given by Rabbi Yitzhak Kerzner, rabbi of Clanton Park Synagogue, and the closing prayer by Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut.

Agencies which will be occupying the building are the Board of Jewish Education, Canadian Jewish Congress, Council of Jewish Federations, Jewish Family & Child Service, Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, Jewish Information Service, Jewish National Fund, Jewish Public Library, Toronto Hebrew Re-Establishment Service, Toronto Jewish Congress, United Israel Appeal, United Jewish Appeal, United Restitution Organization.

Ontario treasurer Larry Grossman, left, presents check for building fund to TJC president Irving Feldman. [Graphic Artists photo]

Lots of Yiddish yuks

TORONTO —

It was a cheerful and happy audience of 900 at the dedication ceremonies of the Lipa Green Building for Jewish Community Services and politicians present joined in the fun.

Mayor Mel Lastman of North York told a joke in his broken Yiddish and then called down to Jim Peterson, the MP from Willowdale, at the other end of the dais to ask if he understood it.

Peterson, a non-Jew, cracked back, "I did and I think that's the trouble."

The joke, incidentally, was about the elderly Jewish couple hurrying to a shelter during an air raid in London during World War II. "I have to go back," the husband said, "I forgot my false teeth." The wife replied: "They're dropping bombs not sandwiches."

For his part, Larry Grossman, Ontario's treasurer, noted that members of the Green family got a bigger ovation than the politicians. "I won't hand over this check [for $500,000] unless the Greens promise not to go into politics."

After Grossman did present the check, chairman Irving Feldman asked: "Do I have any matchers?"

RCMP ends probe

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inquiry because he said "this could conceivably end up in court."

RCMP Corporal Merv Murch said there was excellent co-operation by those interviewed during the investigation. He attributed this to the large amount of publicity over Keegstra and the willingness of Eckville citizens to work harmoniously with police in this case.

Hart did not know what particular questions police asked those interviewed, but indicated the questions were clear cut, as they had to establish if Keegstra's statements could promote hatred in the community and were in the context of Section 281.2 of the Criminal Code.

The RCMP report also included the personal views of each police officer relating to interviews conducted.

Keegstra meanwhile, hopes to keep his mayor's chair on Oct. 17 municipal elections. Also running is former Eckville mayor Harold Leach.

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Editorial

PLO thugs

Yasser Arafat confirmed last week what Israeli intelligence chief Ehud Barak announced recently — that there are now more than 1,000 armed Palestinians in Beirut.

Arafat, speaking to reporters with his habitual bragadoccio, indicated .that his "fighters" were now aligned with Druze, Syrian and Moslem forces against the legally constituted Lebanese government.

Arafat clearly remembers nothing and learns nothing from past experiences, preferring the old anti-American and anti-Israel rhetoric about "fighting on to the end."

It was slightly more than a year ago that Arafat and his PLO band were given safe conduct out of Beirut. In an interview with Italian journalist Oriana Falacci that was widely circulated last year, General Ariel Sharon said that he has bestowed "the gift of life" on the PLO.

Judging from current PLO infiltration into Lebanon, neither Arafat nor his followers appear to be in the least appreciative of the gesture which Israel made in its unprecedented acquiescence to the PLO withdrawal.

The PLO, having been forced into quiescence during the past year, is reasserting itself through the same brand of thuggery which has characterized its career since its inception.

Given their bloodthirsty profile, it is understandable why Sen. John Glenn, (a Democratic aspirant for the U.S. presidency), said recently in a speech in New York City that "the PLO has proven itself to be little more than a gang of thugs and until they abandon the use of terror and renounce forever their oath to destroy Israel, the U.S. should neither recognize nor negotiate with them."

An era ends

Nikolaus Pevsner was one of the great architectural critics and art historians.

A refugee from Nazi Germany, Pevsner died recently in London. He was 81. At his death, Pevsner could lay claim to the fact that he had few peers in his illustrious career.

He was the author of such classics as Pioneers of the Modern Movement, An Outline of European Architecture, The Englishness of English Art and A History of Building Types.

He was also the originator of, and chief contributor to, the 46-volume Penguin survey of The Buildings of England.

Editor of the Architectural Review, Pevsner was a lecturer in the history of art at Birbeck College of the University of London.

Nikolaus Bernhard Leon Pevsner was born in 1902. When he was all of 22, he was granted a PhD in art history. From 1924 to 1928, when Weimar culture flourished, Pevsner was assistant keeper of the Dresden Art Gallery. Until 1933, the year Hitler became chancellor, he lectured on art and architecture at the University of Gottingen.

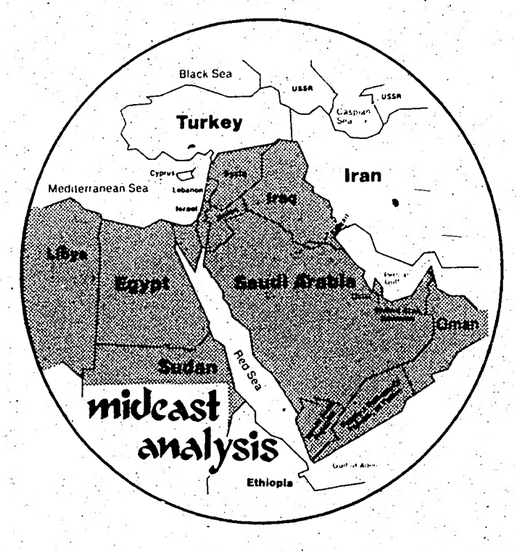
Endowed with deep curiosity and exceptional powers of organization, Pevsner published his first book, The Baroque Architecture of Leipzig in 1928, following it up in 1930 with Italian Painting From the End of the Renaissance to the End of Rococo.

With Nazism and anti-semitism on the ascendancy, Pevsner left Germany, depriving that country of a formidable mind. It didn't take him long to regain his footing. In Britain, Pevsner put his encyclopedic knowledge to good use by lecturing, writing and editing.

A succession of British universities gave him honorary degrees, and the West German government, in a gesture of atonement for Hitler's crimes, awarded him the Grand Cross of Merit.

Iran-Iraq battle enters fourth year

Casualties mount in forgotten war



By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Citizens of Dezful, Iran, carry caskets of people killed in Iraqi missile attacks. [A.P. photo]

Three years ago this month, the war nearly everyone has forgotten began.

The Gulf War pitting Iraq against Iran has developed into a costly slugging match which neither side seems capable of winning. It could go on for years.

Casualties have been frightful: 100,000 dead and more than 200,000 wounded. What started as a blustering Iraqi blitzkrieg has deteriorated into a war of attrition which has caused grave damage to the economies of the combatants and resulted in the creation of an estimated two million refugees.

At first, the war triggered banner headlines in newspapers around the world. But now, as the war enters its fourth year, it is definitely a back-page item.

The scant coverage it receives is not just a function of editors' lack of interest. With few exceptions, Iran and Iraq have prevented reporters from going to the front and getting first-hand, reasonably accurate information.

Neither Iraq nor Iran have much to be proud of: Iraq, having initiated hostilities, has failed to use the momentum it gained in the opening stages of the war. Iran, having lost thousands of square kilometres of land, has regained almost all of it without being able to inflict strategic blows against Iraq.

The military incompetence displayed by Iran and Iraq has been appalling. Neither country has deployed its armor properly. Tanks have not been used in conjunction with infantry and, at best, have been used as fixed artillery.

Iran has squandered thousands of its troops in futile charges reminiscent of World War I trench warfare. Iraq, with its smaller population, has been cautious in committing men to battles. Nevertheless, Iraqi soldiers have fallen in droves.

Iraq, like Iran, lacks an integrated air battle plan.

Despite overwhelming superiority, Iraq has not made effective use of its air force, which consists of about 390 planes, including 140 advanced ground-attack jets.

The Iraqis' target selection has been poor and unco-ordinated, with pilots reportedly dropping bombs and firing missiles from relatively high altitudes and great distances from the targets. Worse still, local commanders are said to plan attacks without even bothering to consult neighboring commanders.

Maintenance, too, is inadequate.

Iran, half of whose air force was grounded by a lack of spare parts when the war broke out, has an undistinguished record as well. And, with only 30 to 40 operational aircraft, Iran has absolutely no chance to pulverize Iraqi formations.

Because Iraq and Iran have exhibited no flair, much less brilliance, in the conduct of the war, it has largely been a hit-and-run affair.

In the autumn of 1980, Iraq captured a sizeable chunk of Iranian territory. By 1982, Iran had succeeded in driving Iraq out of most of it.

By then, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein appeared ready to withdraw his troops and, in effect, sue for peace. But Iran, under the militant leadership of Ayatollah Khomeini, was not in any mood to lay down its arms.

The Iraqi strongman, who seems to have staked his reputation — and perhaps his life — on winning, had grossly underestimated the resolve and resiliency of his non-Arab foe.

Iraq president can afford to be tough

For the past two years, the war has taken on a familiar pattern: Iran launches a badly organized offensive, recaptures some land and stops in its tracks, exhausted.

Despite the costs, Iran intends to fight until Iraq accepts several conditions. On the eve of its latest offensive in July, Iran's foreign minister listed three basic demands: a complete Iraqi withdrawal, payment by Baghdad of war reparations and the resignation of Saddam Hussein.

Barring surprises, Iraq is likely to reject two of these conditions if peace talks ever get under way.

Iraq is probably prepared to pull back its army and end the bloodbath. But Saddam Hussein will not step down to curry favor with Teheran, nor will he give the mullahs the $100 billion they seek in reparations.

Hussein can afford to be tough, since he seems to be in no immediate danger of being toppled by external or internal enemies.

Yet he cannot be overly cocky. He knows that Iran needs the war as a distraction from domestic turmoil and a vehicle to export Islamic fundamentalism.

Iran does not have the capability to sustain a thrust inside Iraq, but Khomeini has the ability to launch endless nuisance strikes designed to bleed Saddam Hussein and drain his coffers.

Frightened by the prospect of an Iranian-inspired Islamic revolution, conservative Arab regimes like Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have bankrolled the Iraqi war effort to the tune of approximately $20 billion.

But even these badly-needed funds have not saved Iraq's economy from a downward slide.

As a result of disruptions wreaked by Iranian artillery and air power, such as it is, Iraq's oil revenues fell to $6.7 billion in 1982 from $25 billion in 1980. Iran, by contrast, has managed to export much of its surplus crude. But many of its towns lie in ruin.

Forced to retrench, Iraq has cut development projects, banned all unofficial foreign travel and introduced a stringent austerity campaign.

Short of hard currency, Iraq has arranged to pay for its military equipment with oil. The Soviet Union, a big exporter itself, supplies much of Iraq's weaponry while maintaining relations with Iran.

Pursuing a neutral stance, the U.S. has not shipped arms to either side. But Washington's hands-off policy has not stopped some of its allies from dipping into the Iraqi and Iranian markets.

Since Iraq is its greater enemy, Israel has sold Iran, albeit clandestinely, spare parts worth $30 million. It is believed that the Israelis no longer supply the Iranians, who, like the Iraqis, are opposed to Israel's existence as a Jewish, Zionist state.

Egypt has supplied Iraq with $1 billion worth of arms, and Jordan has permitted Iraq to use its Red Sea port of Aqaba for deliveries.

France, which has deep and historic ties with the Middle East, is profoundly embroiled on Iraq's side.

The French have agreed to lend Iraq five Super Etendard planes armed with air-to-sea Exocet missiles of the type that sank British ships in the Falklands war in the South Atlantic.

According to the International Institute of Strategic Studies, the flow of French weapons to Iraq includes 50 Mirage F-1 fighters delivered and 30 on order, Dassault Breguet Falcon 50s troop transport jets, Matra Magic guided missiles, Roland air defence missiles, HOT anti-tank missiles, 150 Super Frelon, Allouette, Gazelle and Puma helicopters, 155 mm artillery guns, VCR armored personnel carriers and communications gear.

This awesone armory will no doubt enable Iraq to hold its own in the Gulf War. But, in all probability, Iraq will not be able to achieve its original war aims.

In attacking Iran, Iraq violated a 1975 treaty governing the boundary of the Shatt al-Arab, the estuary dividing the two nations. Iraq had full control of the waterwar prior to 1975, but in a moment of weakness agreed to share sovereignty with Iran.

For Hussein, it has been disastrous war

To appease Iran, Iraq will have to go back to the status quo which prevailed in September of 1980. And, to add insult to injury, Iraq will presumably be compelled to hand back border territory seized in the first month of the conflict.

Saddam Hussein went to war partly because he sought to assert Iraqi primacy in the Arab world and to fill a vacuum in the Persian Gulf after the 1979 overthrow of the shah. This ambition has been ravaged by Iran and abetted by Syria and Libya — Teheran's Arab allies.

After three full years of war, Iraq has nothing to show for all its efforts. It has been a disastrous war for Saddam Hussein.

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50 years later, Hebron once again is called home

Toronto Jewish community leader **DONALD CARR** visited Hebron this summer, during his annual trip to Israel. He reports here on the tiny Jewish community that lives in that city which had a major Jewish presence for 2,000 years until 1929.

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Immediately behind the bustling shuk lie ruins of another era. They rise out of a crater — arches, old windows, the remains of tubular titles, a roof here and there. In the crater lies the debris of centuries and of 50 years ago.

Squeezed into a narrow, flat area, some 15 feet wide and 40 feet deep, between the shuk and the ruins, stand four small trailers — "caravans" they call them. On the first one, closest to the shuk, flies the blue and white flag of Israel. In a corrugated iron hut inside the wall that separates the crater from the shuk, sit two soldiers. On two roofs above are separate guard posts, with a soldier in each.

Each caravan houses a family.

The Jews have come back to Hebron . . .

Four hundred years ago on this spot the Avraham Aveinu Synagogue was built. By then, Jews were not allowed to go to the Machpela — the burial place of the patriarchs and the matriarchs; so they prayed in their new synagogue in the Jewish section of Hebron.

The Jewish presence there was uninterrupted for two thousand years, until Shabbat, Aug. 24, 1929. On that day, Hebron Arabs murdered 67 Jewish men, women and children and destroyed the synagogue, including Avraham Aveinu.

Thus came to an end the physical connection between Jews and Hebron.

But the spiritual link could not be severed.

The yearning to return to what is probably the second holiest site of Jewry — where Abraham lived, where David lived and where our ancestors were buried — remained.

Ten years ago, the ruins of the Avraham Aveinu Synagogue were used as a sheep pen. Only the women's section, with its own little domed roof with carvings of palm trees, remained intact. Its outside wall was used as a latrine.

With the help of architect Ben Tzion Tauger, who had come from Russia, the synagogue has now been rebuilt. It sits in the midst of the ruins, a little jewel, with room for maybe 50 worshippers beneath its windowed dome. Niches in the walls hold large s'farim. Electric cables poke through the plastered roof and walls, waiting for fixtures. A single, unshaded light bulb dangles over the bimah.

The ark, which is new, is made of wood. In it repose three Torahs. In the front stands a magnificent Sephardic Torah — blue velvet and silver, the parchment yellowed with age. This Torah belonged to the late Rabbi Nissim, the former Chief Sephardic Rabbi of Israel. It had been in his family for many years. When he died, his will left instructions that somehow the Sefer Torah was to be kept in Hebron. And so it is.

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Avinoam Horowitz and his U.S. born wife, Shoshana, live with their baby in one of the trailers. It cannot be more than 7 feet wide by 5 feet long. A curtain divides the caravan in half. One side is the living room/bedroom/study, but a refrigerator encroaches upon it. The other half is kitchen and bathroom. A large board is propped against the wall outside the caravan. It is the Shabbat table which once a week is brought into the caravan for the shabbat meal.

Wanted to live with the Arabs, not displace them

We sat in the "living room" and Avinoam told us why they were there, as the door creaked in the wind. Shoshana had left with the baby and the "next caravan" neighbor to do some shopping and to take sewing lessons. The neighbor, of course, had his gun with him.

Avinoam and Shoshana lived for two months after they were married in Kiryat Arba, the Jewish suburb of Hebron, on the hill above the city. One of his friends who studied at the yeshiva with him was killed by an Arab in Hebron about a year ago.

The newly married couple decided there and then that they had to be part of the Jewish presence in Hebron itself. They saw no reason why Jews could not return to where they had lived for centuries. "Not to displace Arabs," he says, "but to live with them as neighbors."

Seven families live adjacent to the Avraham Aveinu Synagogue — four in the caravans and three in the old buildings.

Five other families live a couple of blocks away in an old, rambling 2-storey building called Beit Romano after its former owner. That building also houses a Lubavitch yeshiva, where young students learn together.

There is no heating in the old structure; until mid-July, their only electricity was from an illegal connection to the city's service. The mayor of Hebron had refused all applications for electric service. Only when he had been deposed after the death of yeshiva student, Aharon Gross, in June and he had been replaced by an Israeli mayor, Zami Shemesh, was that application approved.

We remarked how clean and tidy Hebron looked. "Yes," said Avinoam. "You should have seen it just a few weeks ago. The Arab mayor did nothing for the Arab inhabitants. He was too busy trying to make trouble for the Jews. Within a week of Shemesh's appointment, all the garbage disappeared from the streets and the roads started to be fixed." He claimed that most of the Arab inhabitants were happy with the changeover . . . although a vociferous minority is not.

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The leaders of the Jews in Hebron are Rabbi Moshe Levinger and his wife, Miriam.

For over two years, they and eight of their 11 children lived in one room in Beit Hadassah, the third area of Jewish resettlement in Hebron. A short while ago, they moved into their "palatial" quarters, next to the Avraham Aveinu Synagogue. There are four rooms on three different levels in a ramshackle renovated ruin in the old Jewish section.

We saw photographs of the state of the rooms when they arrived there. Goats stare at the camera from what is now the "master bedroom" and from the living room.

In addition to cleaning out the place and building walls, plastering, installing windows, running water and electricity, one other — most significant — act had to be performed before they moved in. In the photographs one can see the diagonal niche cut into each doorway, where mezuzot had once been, for centuries perhaps, before the fateful Shabbat 54 years ago. The final act before moving in was performed by Rabbi Levinger, pressing new mezuzot into those niches and they are now held there with masking tape.

Rebbitzen Levinger came to Israel from New York 27 years ago, when she was 18. She and her husband are the cement which holds the 20 Hebron Jewish families together.

For her, being in Hebron is as a divine commandment. She and her associates do not want to displace a single Arab. They merely wish to live their lives as neighbors in the Jewish sections. The Machpela and Avraham Aveinu are holy sites and they believe Jews are obliged to be there.

They are not part of any governmental scheme to establish a "fait accompli" in the West Bank, as so many allege. Their presence there has nothing to do with the politics of Israel. They support the state strongly. Many of them have served and still serve in the army. "I can't see how anybody could object to, or fear 20 families surrounded by 70,000 Arabs," she says simply.

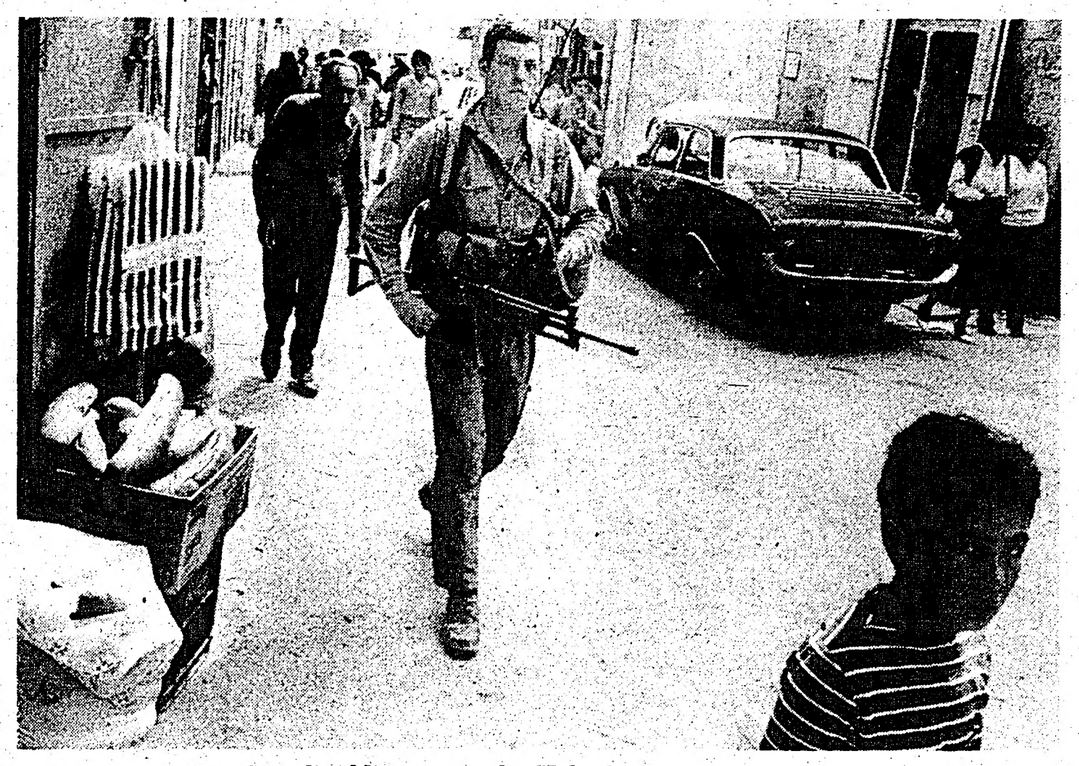
Insofar as fear is concerned, it is the Jewish children who are afraid from time to time. Rebbitzen Levinger teaches them not to fear and insists that their 8-year-old take the younger children out, across the shuk, to the bus stop. If sandals need repairing, the children go alone into the casbah to get them fixed. She does admit, though, to a 20-minute near-panic when her 2½-year-old wandered away from her at a stall in the shuk and disappeared into the throng.

Two days before we were there, on Shabbat, a Shalom Achshav group came to the centre of Hebron and held a rally against the Jewish presence. Rebbitzen Levinger told us that some 200 Israelis stood there, near where Aharon Gross was stabbed to death, making speeches and handing out leaflets.

A crowd of some 2,000 local Arabs gathered and joined in the applause as speakers called for the removal of the Jews. She sees their actions and their words as incitement to yet other murders. Mordechai Bar On, a former director of education in the Israel Defence Forces, and a prominent leader of Shalom Achshav, has declared: "We will never rest until all the Jews are out of Hebron."

Miriam Levinger gazes intently from one of the bedroom windows, across the rooftops to the minaret and the Byzantine roof over the Machpela. "Can you imagine Jews wanting this place to be judenrein?"

On the previous Friday, architect Ben Tzion Tauger had died. In accordance with his requests, his coffin was carried first to the Avraham Aveinu Synagogue, which had been his pride and joy. Next, it was taken to the Machpela where prayers were again read. Finally, it was carried to the old Jewish cemetery and he became one of the few who have been buried there in the past five decades.



Israeli soldier on patrol in Hebron. [Uzi Keren photo]

Dealing with war criminals

BERT RAPHAEL, the Toronto lawyer who acted as a counsel for Canadian Jewish Congress at the recent extradition hearing for alleged war criminal Helmut Rauca, argues here that Canada could make use of deportation in bringing Nazi war criminals who reside here to justice.

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The Ontario Court of Appeal, in the recent decision of Federal Republic of Germany v. Rauca held that while the extradition of a Canadian citizen violates his prima facie right to remain in Canada as guaranteed by S. 6(1) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, such extradition prescribed a reasonable limit which was demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society, from the meaning of S. 1 of the Charter. Helmut Rauca is now in Germany awaiting trial on a charge of murdering 11,584 Jews.

It is common knowledge that there are hundreds of Canadian citizens who committed heinous crimes during World War II, either as members of the Gestapo or as Allies of Nazi Germany. Notwithstanding that many years have elapsed since the perpetration of the crimes, it is an affront to the victims and the survivors of the Holocaust that these "Canadians" are not brought to justice.

Extradition is still available but that leaves the decision as to whether or not to prosecute up to the requesting state and really involves little or no initiative on the part of the Canadian government.

In the Rauca case the Court of Appeal considered the possibility of the fugitive being tried in Canada under the provisions of the Geneva Conventions Act, the War Crimes Act or pursuant to the enactment of some future retroactive criminal legislation.

The court concluded that the Geneva Conventions Act was not a statute of general application but was a piece of substantive law which did not have a retroactive effect, and equally that the War Crimes Act was not a statute of general application, and by its very terms did not cover the fact situation in the Rauca case where the crimes were not committed against Canadian citizens.

Bert Raphael

With this pronouncement, it would seem highly unlikely that the minister of justice would prosecute under the Geneva Conventions Act or the War Crimes Act.

In the United States deportation has been used effectively to bring Nazi war criminals to justice.

Canada could do likewise. The procedure would involve a 2-step approach.

First, the Canadian citizen would have to be denaturalized and then deported to a state willing to admit such person. The fundamental basis for denaturalization would be that the citizen gave false representations when applying for admission to Canada. The relevant statute would be the 1946 Citizenship Act which provided that a naturalized Canadian could lose his citizenship if he obtained the same by fraud, false representation, or the concealment of vital information.

A similar provision is contained in the 1917 act which came into force on Feb. 15, 1977.

The Gestapo, the SS and being a core leader of the Nazi Party, were held at Nuremberg to be members of a criminal organization. An applicant for citizenship concealing his membership would be subject to loss of citizenship for that concealment. The 1977 Citizenship Act deems a person to have obtained citizenship by fraud, false representation, or knowingly concealing material circumstances, if he was lawfully admitted to Canada for permanent residence by fraud, false representation or knowingly concealing material circumstances and he subsequently obtained citizenship on the basis of permanent residence.

Assuming that the government were to act and denaturalization occurs, concern has been expressed that denaturalization might lead to the creation of statelessness, which would be a violation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This would not be a factor in Canada because none of the alleged Nazi war criminals would be a natural-born Canadian and, upon denaturalization, would revert to his previous citizenship.

The denaturalized person would then be subject to deportation. The grounds for deportation would be the false pretenses in obtaining permanent residence in Canada.

In the event that the provisions of the Immigration Act are too vague, Canada could amend the Immigration Act to make past participation in Nazi activities a ground for deportation.

The United States recently passed an amendment to its immigration and nationality law to that effect. With the amendment which became law on Oct. 30, 1978, a non-naturalized or denaturalized American citizen became subject to deportation if he had participated in Nazi persecution.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English, brief [no more than 250 words], typewritten [double spaced, please], free of libel, and of interest to our reading public. We reserve the right to edit letters.

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PEACE NOW MERITS FORUM

Intolerance of different views is chilling to any free society. We Jews should be especially on guard against that.

It was therefore very upsetting when the board of Beth Tzedec refused the use of any of its facilities for an address by Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg — a leading figure in the Conservative synagogue and in Jewish life, both American and worldwide.

The "herem" was imposed because Rabbi Hertzberg would be speaking under the auspices of Canadian Friends of Peace Now. Whether one agrees with it or not, Peace Now represents an important body of opinion in Israel, which, like other Israeli movements, impacts on us in the Diaspora.

It would be a sad day, indeed, if this interplay, between Diaspora and Israel ceased. If all of us become merely "yea sayers" to whatever policies are followed by any particular government in Israel, we are not serving the true interests of the Jewish state. This is especially so when one feels, rightly or wrongly, that the existence of Israel as a majority Jewish state is at stake.

Dissent has a long and honorable place in Jewish life. Our prophets were the great dissenters of their day. It is very Jewish to continue that tradition.

In a lengthy discussion with representatives of Beth Tzedec regarding Rabbi Hertzberg, I realized I was dealing with people whose opinions could not be modified.

To emphasize the seriousness of my position, I resigned my membership in the synagogue — a sad and painful decision after an affiliation of 25 years.

Harry Steiner
Toronto

Rabbi David Cooper's singles group at Western Wall. [See Letters].

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UNHAPPY YEAR TO THE STAR

I realize that we are living in a free country and everybody does what he/she wants. But for a member of the Jewish faith to place a Rosh Hashanah greeting in the Toronto Star after the biased, distorting stories they have written is beyond me!

This is even more peculiar, as The Canadian Jewish News published an advertisement about Rosh Hashanah greetings weeks before, thereby giving people ample time to do so.

Personally, I prefer keeping my business with my own mishpocha!

Paula Feigelsohn
Toronto

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RABBI COMBATS INTERMARRIAGE

I have just returned from a single's tour that I led to Israel and Egypt.

Enclosed is a picture of our group as we gathered at the Western wall in Jerusalem.

In the past few years, I have been witness to the expansion of programs and activities for singles in the Jewish community. My tour reflects that growing interest, and it is my hope that it continues to expand in the future.

Singles, more than any other group in the Diaspora Jewish community, are vulnerable to the problems of intermarriage and assimilation that continue to plague us.

I, therefore, think that all programs for this group should be expanded and at a rate of certain urgency.

It is my goal to make my single's tour an annual mission to Israel on behalf of the single's Jewish community of Canada.

I have been lead to understand that a similar mission sponsored by the American Jewish Congress attracts hundreds of singles from all across the United States. Certainly we can do the same.

I have approached Milton Harris of Canadian Jewish Congress. I need your support.

Rabbi David Cooper
Toronto

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ACTRESS OFF BASE ON JEWISH PRAYER

Re Frank Rasky's Sept. 7 interview with actress Marilyn Lightstone on playing Yiddishe momma roles:

I have no doubt that Marilyn Lightstone is an accomplished actress and is well versed in the art of acting. However, her knowledge of Jewish ritual is somewhat lacking.

She claims to be "very Jewish" because she prepares chicken soup and knaidlech as taught to her by her mother. This does not make her "very Jewish" any more than by preparing Chinese dishes would make her "very Chinese."

She deplores the morning prayer in which men thank God for not creating them women. If she would ("being very Jewish") read the morning prayers, she would discover that there is a line that Jewish women recite thanking God for making them as they are.

In essence, each sex thanks the Almighty for creating them as they are.

She claims to have been "totally browned off" when, at the funeral of her mother, the rabbi would not conduct prayers because 10 men were not present, and as a woman she could not be counted as part of the minyan.

To properly explain the reason for this rule would require more space than this letter will allow.

The acting profession has its own rules and regulations, some of which to outsiders might appear strange.

In baseball, nine men must appear on the playing field, not seven or eight.

Similarly, Judaism insists that 10 men are required for a minyan.

I wonder if Marilyn is aware that it is quite common for women to attend synagogue services and recite prayer for the departed.

She is certainly entitled to believe or not believe in Jewish teachings. However, her off-base remarks on this subject were most inappropriate in an article discussing her portrayal of mother figures.

Lawrence Eckstein
Montreal

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TOO GOOD FOR FISH WRAPPING

Frank Rasky's Aug. 25 article on Israeli jewelry I import and which was displayed at Holy Blossom Temple was certainly well written.

One earthy comment I heard about his article, just before Rosh Hashanah, went this way:

"I was so impressed by the writing I didn't use the paper to wrap my gefulte fish."

Marlene Cooper
Toronto

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ST. JOHN'S SHUL WILL PERSEVERE

Your Sept. 1 article ("Families leave St. John's in search of stronger ties") was well written. However, the writer omitted to state that the 30 families remaining have the dedication and drive to see that the shul remains and the St. John's community prospers.

We cannot count on our university affiliates, except for those who care, or the newcomer who wants to get away from his Jewish upbringing, or the Reform who would not feel comfortable in any community other than the one who can offer him such. But we will continue, with strength and vigor, to keep the synagogue functioning, and receive newcomers and new members with a warm welcome.

Fortunately, we can always count on our regulars to fulfil the mitzvah of attending Shabbat services, yahrzeits and holiday services.

Marge Smilestein
President, Beth-El Sisterhood
St. John's, Nfld.

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SEEK FUNDS FOR RAPE CRISIS CENTRE

I was very pleased to read, on my current trip to Toronto, your Sept. 7 article on the Linda Feldman Rape Crisis Centre.

As a member of the organizing committee of the LFRCC, I know how hard our volunteers work and recognition is always welcome.

Also welcomed are donations to this cause. The LFRCC, recognized in Israel as a non-profit, tax-free organization, exists solely on contributions of concerned individuals and foundations. While our financial needs are not large, we depend on donations for our continued activities and indeed the continued existence of the Centre.

One of our current projects is the production of a television service film on rape, which is being produced in conjunction with the film department of Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Readers interested in contributing to the Linda Feldman Rape Crisis Centre, or in receiving more information about our work, are invited to write to us at POB 18024, Jerusalem.

Leesa Fine
Jerusalem

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HEAVENS TO DIEF! I WAS WRONG

With reference to my letter, "Heavens to Dief!" which appeared in your edition of Aug. 11, a correction is in order.

To the best of my recollection, Prof. Eliyahu Kanovsky departed from Winnipeg after finishing high school. He received degrees from Yeshiva College and Columbia University, but did not attend the University of Manitoba.

I am writing this during the Ten Days of Teshuvah (Return, Recall, Penitence . . .) and do humbly beseech forgiveness for having inadvertently misled so many of your readers.

Victor Parnass
Montreal

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HEARING IMPAIRED STORY IS PRAISED

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Cynthia Gasner for the profoundly sensitive article on Sept. 7, on the hearing impaired service held at Holy Blossom Temple.

Cynthia spent many hours interviewing Martyn and Arthur. Let me assure you, it was no easy task trying to communicate with two young men, who cannot hear the questions. Cynthia was patient, reassuring and supportive to their needs.

I was most impressed and appreciative.

As a result of the extensive media coverage in the Canadian Jewish News, 150 people attended the Rosh Hashanah services.

Thank you for making our New Year an immediate success!

Phyllis Spivak
Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood
Toronto

Get an edge on life and join a kibbutz

By
NECHEMIA MEYERS

JERUSALEM —

If you want to live a long life, join a kibbutz!

This is clear from a recent study by Haifa University's Kibbutz Research Institute, according to which kibbutzniks live three years longer, on the average, than other Israelis (or North Americans).

Life expectancy for urban Jewish males is 71.4 years, while for such males residing in collective settlements it is 74.5. Where women are concerned, the gap is even greater: a life expectancy of 75.0 for the urban ladies and 78.9 for those in kibbutzim.

Moreover, if a male kibbutznik reaches the age of 50, he will survive, on the average, for another 26.3 years. An urban male at 50, in contrast, has a further 25.6 years to live.

The corresponding figures for women are, respectively, 31.0 years and 27.8 years.

What makes these statistics particularly amazing is the fact that they relate to veteran kibbutzniks who, during their first decades of collective living, worked very hard, had little to eat, and frequently suffered from malaria and other serious diseases.

The Haifa researchers offer several explanations for the unusual longevity of kibbutzniks. It stems in some measure, they believe, from the excellent health care provided for kibbutz members and to a much greater extent is linked to the absence of a compulsory retirement age on kibbutzim. Kibbutzniks are not shunted aside at 60 or 65; they are free to go on working, often in responsible positions, for as long as they are physically capable of doing so.

Longevity is likewise promoted by the close-knit character of kibbutz society. Eighty per cent of elderly kibbutzniks have children and grandchildren who live nearby and stand ready to help in time of need. A majority also have a number of close friends in the settlement to whom they can turn for assistance and emotional support.

To be sure, some 26% of kibbutz oldsters questioned by the researchers said that they lack such close, supportive friends. But this fact should be seen in perspective; the corresponding figure for elderly people in Israeli cities is 36% in Tel Aviv, 51% in Petah Tikva and 56% in Beersheba.

The most startling fact to emerge from the study has to do with kibbutz "loners", namely men and women who have no immediate family living nearby. Research carried in Israel, the United States and elsewhere has shown time and again that such isolated individuals are twice as likely to die at a relatively early age as are elderly men and women who live with or near their families.

On kibbutzim, in contrast, loners and family people have exactly the same life expectancy.

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In crises, it's wise to listen to all views

By
J. B. SALSBERG

Cynics say that when two Jews discuss an issue they usually end up with three opinions. That may, or may not be true but my uncle Eliezer says he would rather have two Jews with three opinions than three Jews without any opinions. And I agree with my good uncle.

J. B. Salsberg

Those with opinions, even if conflicting ones, show that they are concerned, sometimes passionately concerned with a given issue that affects the life and welfare of our people. On the other hand, those without opinion whatsoever are the "nye ba-as, the nye ma-as and the nye kukerakoos" of our people. In Eastern European peasant language that meant that some people are neither goats (ba-a-a), nor cattle (ma-a-a) nor roosters (kukerakoo). In English it would be simply: neither fish nor fowl.

But how can people arrive at definitive opinions and to supportable points of view?

It is obvious that the minimum requirement for a popular consensus is an open-minded approach to the varying and, oftentimes, conflicting opinions that compete for acknowledgement and acceptance by the broadest number of people who are concerned with a given issue. And the prime pre-condition for such an enlightened consensus is the untrammeled freedom and opportunity to speak, to listen, to question and to argue on a given issue and, especially, on a controversial issue.

Despite this rather convoluted introduction I hasten to assure the intelligent imbibers at this weekly treasure though that I'm not engaging in an abstract examination of the democratic process in the formation of an enlightened public consensus. No, I'm dealing with what may be one of our most immediate challenges, one that may have a critical and far-reaching effect on our strategy and tactic with regards to Israel and the Jewish communities everywhere else.

Only the nye ba-as and nye ma-as in our midst will be surprised when told that Israel and the Jewish people in general are now sailing in the stormiest of political seas and that a correct or defective compass may determine whether our ship will reach a safe harbor or experience serious damage. To all well informed Jews, this state of things Jewish is abundantly clear.

It is quite natural, therefore, that there should exist serious differences of opinion among us about what course the captains of our ship should chart. The wise policy to follow is to allow, indeed assist, every opinion to be heard and discussed. Above all it is elementary to suggest that in such a critical period it is necessary that we, all of us, be prepared and eagerly so to listen to what those of other views have to say. Otherwise no intelligent public discussion or debate is possible and no consensus is attainable.

In this context it is most helpful to quote from the acceptance speech of Israel's new President, Chaim Herzog. He said, among other things, the following: "The real enemy we face is within us. It exists within every one of us; citizens of Israel, Jews and Arabs, religious and secular, right and left wing, Sephardim and Ashkenazim. It is expressed in the lack of readiness to hear one's fellow man even when we do not agree with him."

How true . . . and it applies not only to Israel but all Jewish communities in the Diaspora.

And yet, the battle for ideas, for new viewpoints, for the freedom to speak and be heard is deeply ingrained in our distant as well as in our immediate past. The prophets challenged prevailing ideas and practices, often at the risk of their freedom and their very lives. The births of the latest chassidic movement had to contend with an Orthodox opposition movement (Misnagdim) that went so far as to inform (with unfounded information) on the first Lubavitcher Rebbe to the czarist police, with the resultant arrest and incarceration of the rebbe.

The same struggle for the right to exist, to inform, to agitate and to win public support for the idea of political Zionism had to be waged by the founders and leaders of the Zionist movement. The Revisionists, led by Vladimir (Zev) Jabotinsky, of which Menachem Begin is the spiritual and political representative, found it necessary to leave the World Zionist Organization (1935) and form their own world body to propagate their ideas and policies . . . ideas that all other Zionists considered to be extremist.

Why all this background evidence? Because of something that happened in Toronto recently that has raised more than a few eyebrows. It seems that the Toronto branch of the Peace Now movement sought the use of an assembly hall in one of the largest Conservative synagogues for a meeting to which one of the most prominent Conservative rabbis in the U.S. and a vice-president of the World Jewish Congress, Arthur Hertzberg, was to deliver a lecture. The synagogue in question refused the application for space.

Well, was that action helpful in the crystalization of Jewish opinion on an issue that has divided Israeli and Diaspora opinion? Are such and similar happenings what President Herzog had in mind?

Let me state quite frankly that I'm not a member of the Toronto chapter of Peace Now. I generally support the objectives of the Peace Now movement in Israel but I have not been able to resolve my own ethical conumdrum about the right of Jews who live outside of Israel and whose life and well-being are not on the line, whether it is ethically right for non-Israelis to "demand" that Israel follow one or another course where the life of Israelis and their children are involved.

But to hinder an opportunity for local Jews to listen to the views of one so prominent as Rabbi Hertzberg is quite another matter; it is a violation of what was always considered to be a basic tenet of Jewish history — the right and the freedom to speak on national issues and the right to listen to such addresses.

It is regretable that it happened.

And what are the consequences?

I'm informed that another, and equally important synagogue, (though of another theological stream) decided, on the basis of freedom of speech, to make its facilities available for Hertzberg's lecture.

The whole experience is something to ponder over and to draw conclusions from. President Herzog's sensible and dispassionate advice is worthy of consideration when thinking about the incident I deal with here.

Hurdles don't hinder Shamir as PM post nears

[Cont'd. from page 1]

Likud are not acceptable to us. Their ways are not our ways."

Technically, Shamir can rule without Labor, for he commands 64 seats in the Knesset. By contrast, Labor has 50 seats. (Herut, as a political entity, has 46.)

Shamir, who is believed to want to retain his job as foreign minister, issued the appeal to Peres because some of the factions loyal to him fear that he will not be able to hold the coalition together in the same decisive style as his predecessor.

While Shamir went about the business of forming a government, the warring ethnic and political groups in Lebanon agreed to a ceasefire after nearly one month of communal fighting which left an estimated 800 dead and 1,700 wounded.

The truce, worked out by Saudi Arabia and the U.S. in co-operation with Syria, provides for a national conciliation conference in which all antagonists will participate.

The ceasefire was preceded by vicious battles in and around Beirut, pitting the reconstituted Lebanese armed forces against Druze, Palestinian and Shi'ite Moslem fighters.

The Maronite Phalange militia, which normally owes its loyalty to President Amin Gemayel, fought the Druze and the Palestinians in the first couple of weeks of September, losing ground in the Shouf Mountains, evacuated by Israel.

Much of the fighting after that occurred in the vicinity of Sul el Gharb, a Beirut suburb which commands a panoramic view of the capital, the airport and the coastal highway. Repeatedly, the Lebanese army, with U.S. assistance, fought off attempts by anti-government forces to capture the strategic ridge on which Suk el Gharb sits.

Souk el Gharb was occupied by the Israeli army until its redeployment at the beginning of this month. The Israelis expected civil war to flare after their withdrawal to new lines south of the Awali River. But, as Chief of Staff Gen. Moshe Levy conceded, they did not take into sufficient consideration the possibility that PLO units would join in and that Syria would give Gemayel's opponents logistical help.

The multinational force protecting Gemayel was deeply embroiled in his fight against the Druze, Palestinians and Shi'ites.

As Congress authorized the continued deployment of U.S. marines for an additional 18 months, President Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz charged that the Soviet Union was sponsoring and supplying the growing role of Syria in the battle for control of Lebanon.

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Investment opportunities explored

Israel really is the "land of milk and honey"

By
WESLEY GOLDSTEIN

MONTREAL —

Canadians looking for good investment opportunities can truly regard Israel as a "land of milk and honey," says international lawyer Michael Vineberg.

As a result of the 1959 Encouragement of Capital Investment Law, and the 1969 Encouragement of Industry Law, Canadians investing in Israel can qualify for substantial tax reductions, accelerated depreciation, cash grants, low interest loans, custom tariff reductions and corporate tax deferrals, he said.

"In view of the very significant tax concessions in Israel, it should be possible for many types of industrial enterprises . . . to escape from Israeli tax . . . and to get the money into Canada on a tax free basis," he said here recently.

Drawing an overview of Israeli tax and corporate law, Vineberg said the system there is in many ways similar to Canada's. The principal forms of business organization there are limited companies; limited or general partnerships; co-operatives; self-proprietorships; and anonymous societies, all of which are governed under the Companies Ordinance, 1929-36.

"This is along the lines of Canadian corporate laws prior to the first series of revisions in the early 70s," he said.

Vineberg said that with prudence and proper local counseling, there are very advantageous opportunities in Israel, but cautioned that the intricacies of Israeli law must be carefully examined.

He noted, for example, that in establishing an Israeli company, care must be taken in the formation of the objects clause, because the concept of ultra vires still exists in Israel.

"Companies are not allowed to do anything that is not in the objects," he explained, adding that similar stipulations have been removed from the Canadian context for 50 years.

Other advantages offered to companies in Israel include unlimited carry-forward for losses (not linked to inflation), along with the ability to fully reserve against contingent liability. As well, dividends distributed to shareholders are subject only to income tax.

Corporations pay tax at a basic rate of 61%, 40% of it corporate tax and 21% income tax. But he said there are many provisions available to modify the burden.

Vineberg made his remarks as the opening speaker at an investment seminar sponsored by the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and the Canadian Friends of Haifa University, Montreal Chapter. The meeting was held at the Ritz Carlton Hotel.

Later, Moshe Rosen, president of Bank Leumi le-Israel (Canada) discussed the role of Israel's banks in her economy and how they can be helpful for investment purposes.

Rosen said the Israeli banking system is highly centralized but competitive and constitutes an integral part of the country's economic function. There are 29 banks in Israel and 37 other financial institutions, most of them subsidiaries of the five major banking groups. (The big three — Bank Leumi, Bank Hapoalim and Israel Discount Bank — operate 85% of all financial institutions in Israel, he said.)

Total assets of Israeli banks at the end of 1982 was $U.S.64 billion, a sevenfold increase over the last decade. He attributed much of the rise to increasing foreign ventures, noting that Israeli banks now operate some 130 offices abroad.

"The growing international activity of Israeli banks goes hand in hand with the steady growth of Israel's foreign trade," he stated.

Rosen said Israeli banks provide a full range of services including the usual trade and investment credits in all major currencies, as well as providing Israeli business with access to special medium and long term credit from 15 countries.

"To help provide financing for international operations, Israeli banks mobilize capital in the European bond market (and) they are active in underwriting and syndicating operations in major international capital markets."

Rosen noted that Israel's banks are also the country's largest brokers on the Tel Aviv stock exchange, as well as being active in insurance, real estate and high technology.

"We are actively involved in managing these investments," he said.

Donald Carr opens recent investment seminar on Israel. Joining him on the dais, from left, are speakers Michael Vineberg, Dr. Meir Heth, Moshe Rosen and Yair Ofek, who discussed the opportunities for investors in Israel. [Howard Kay photo]

Shopping mall expertise is Israeli need: Koffler

MONTREAL —

There is a "terrific" opportunity for the development of shopping centres in Israel, says one of Canada's leading entrepreneurs, Murray Koffler.

Addressing the luncheon session of a recent investment semihar, Koffler said if there is one area Israel desperately needs in Western expertise, it is in the area of shopping centre development.

He said Israelis have demonstrated a great adaptability and acceptance of North American consumer concepts, and the end result of any such venture would prove to be "fantastic."

"Israelis are quick to grasp what you're offering them," he said.

Koffler, the chairman of Koffler Stores Ltd., was discussing the viability of international investment in Israel, saying this is an important element for Israel's eventual self-sufficiency.

Speaking to a predominantly businessmen's gathering, Koffler said that Israel is a worthwhile investment target, despite its apparent economic difficulties. Alluding to conceptions that Israel provides foreign investors with insurmountable obstacles, he said that they are not actually difficult to overcome.

He admitted there is always a certain amount of red tape, but added that Israeli officials are very willing to help the business process along.

"In Canada, there are the same problems to deal with, but here we don't consider them as hurdles — rather the next item on our business agenda.

"The fundamentals of business there are the same as in most Western countries, (and) the record of Israel's achievement in business and industry has been tremendous."

Using the example of the Super-Pharm chain which he launched in 1978, Koffler demonstrated how quickly new ventures can take off in Israel.

Located in the Ramat Hasharon suburb of Herzlia, the first store broke even in its first year, versus the two years it usually takes in Canada, Koffler said. The 2,400-square foot outlet now generates $3.2 million annually in sales volume, providing a higher per square foot return than in Canadian stores.

There are now eight Super-Pharm stores in Israel, with five more scheduled to open in the near future, he added.

In the current fiscal year, Koffler said, the stores will have a sales volume of $18 million.

Because of its franchise concept, Super-Pharm will eventually have 50 stores, and projected sales over the next five years should reach some $100 million.

"The Israelis are always saying to us 'come here with your knowledge and expertise, and the rest will follow.'

"If you do, it can be very worthwhile," Koffler concluded.

Israeli exchange on upward trend

MONTREAL —

The Israeli stock exchange will resume its upward trend in the next few years, says its chairman, Dr. Meir Heth.

Admitting the Tel Aviv exchange has not yet recovered from its early 1983 "collapse," Heth nevertheless pronounced his confidence it would return to the form of a few years back, when its success attracted international attention.

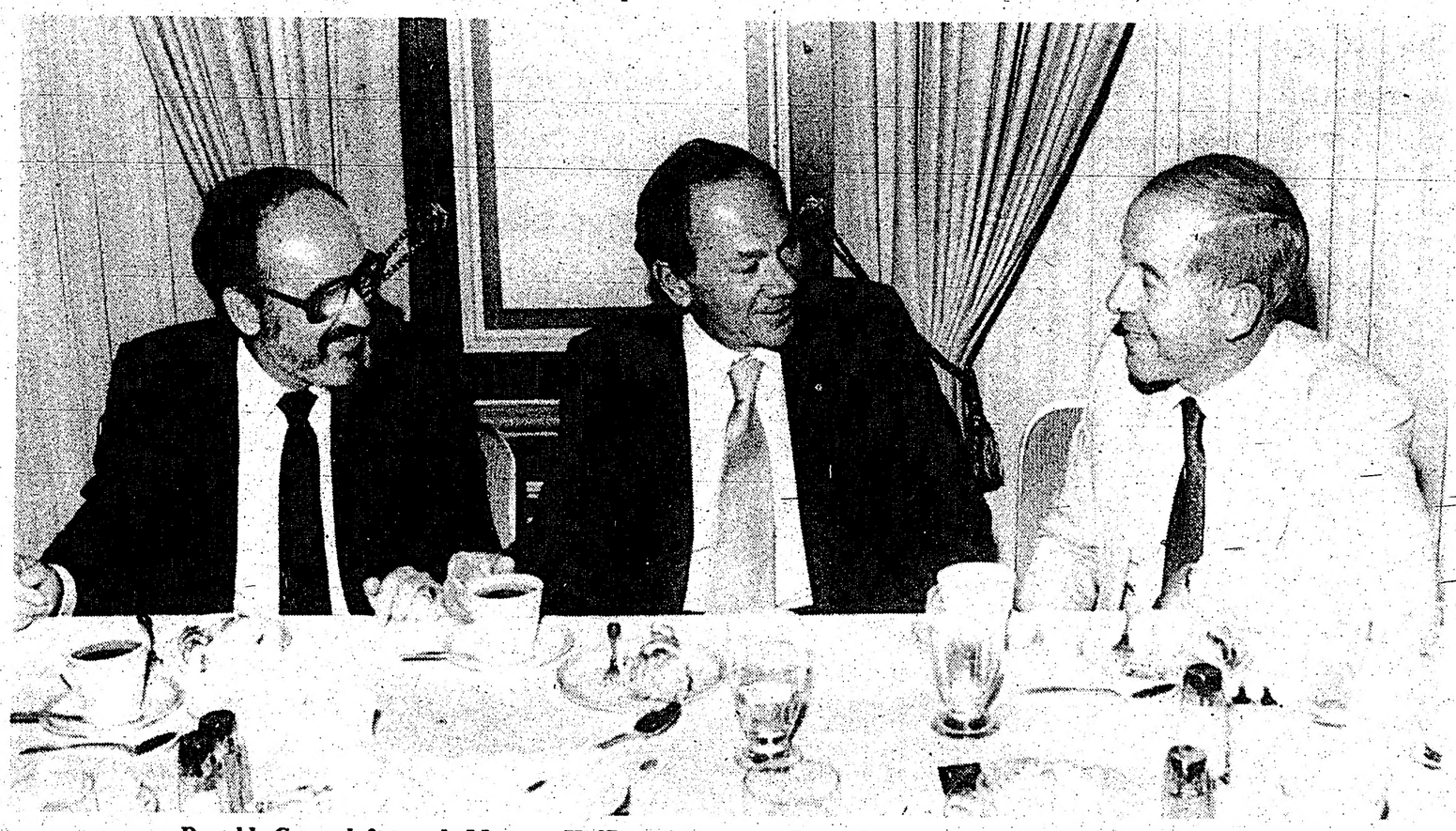
"The Tel Aviv exchange is peculiar in that its fortunes are strangely divorced from the economy's performance as a whole," he said. "It became very lively since 1977, even though this was a period of poor performance by the Israeli economy."

Heth noted that during that 6-year period, the market value of liquid equities in convertible securities jumped from $1.3 billion U.S. to $16 billion. The value of trading of active securities on the floor increased from $200 million to $6.3 billion during that same time span, while the real rate of return for investors was 272%, after allowing for inflation.

Because of the better-than-expected performance of the exchange from 1980-82, the recent downtrend is not all that surprising, he added.

"Despite the current depressed conditions of both the primary and secondary markets, and of investors' moods, I have confidence in the long-term prospects of the Israeli stock markets," he declared.

Heth made his remarks during a recent Israeli investment seminar organized by Canadian Friends of Haifa University Montreal Chapter and the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce.



Donald Carr, left, and Murray Koffler chat with Edward Bronfman at the investment seminar.

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

HOLIDAY DEADLINE

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the deadline for the Oct. 13 issue is moved forward to Tuesday, Oct. 4, at noon. I will be at my desk on Monday, the 3rd, and Tuesday, the 4th, [till noon] to receive material for that issue.

FULL TIME MOTHERS

Full Time Mothers, a 6-week program that will explore the pressures, joys and challenges facing young women who are choosing to be "stay-at-home moms," is being offered through the Jewish Family Life Education program of the Jewish Family & Child Service. Themes will focus on being a stay-at-home mother and feeling good about it, the myth of the perfect mother, finding time for yourself (opportunities outside the home, community resources), creating a Jewish home and husbands and fathers.

Maureen Feder, a trained Family Life educator with JF&CS, will be group facilitator.

Program begins Wednesday, Oct. 5, from 9-11 a.m. at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd. Fee is $10 per person, plus a nominal amount for babysitting if necessary. Scholarships can be arranged.

To register, contact the synagogue office at 633-5500 or **Annette Hoffman** at 663-8243 or **Estelle Altman** at 638-7800.

JEWISH BABYSITTING CO-OP

The Jewish Babysitting Co-op is a co-operative babysitting exchange service for those in need of occasional short term child care. It is co-sponsored by Jewish Family & Child Service, Jewish Singles Project Connect and the northeast branch of the Jewish Community Centre. If you would like to know more about it, contact **Susan Levine** at the NE/JCC office at 889-0813 or **Beverley Mandell** at 498-5223.

MOMENTS IN MOVIE MUSICALS

Deganya Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO is having its third annual Great Moments in Movie Musicals screening on Sunday, Oct. 2, at 8 p.m. at the Ontario Science Centre, 770 Don Mills Rd. There will be free parking and refreshments. For tickets, call **Buschie Kamin** at 783-9344.

EARS TO LISTEN . . . EYES TO SEE

Inquiries are invited from sisterhoods, youth workers and organizations regarding reservations of Ears to Listen . . . Eyes to See, an exciting videotape about today's Jewish teens. The program is available in videotape only (Beta, VHS or ¾-inch cassette). The rental includes a tape preview and group facilitator.

For additional information, or to make arrangements, contact **Joel Verbin** at the Jewish Information Service at 635-5600 Monday to Friday.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Classes in English as a second language are being offered free of charge by the Board of Education of the City of York. Each class is held either two mornings or two afternoons a week and is geared to students of all levels. Adults learn English and prepare for citizenship while children attend pre-school classes sponsored by the Learning Enrichment Foundation and the ministry of citizenship and culture. The children learn English through play, creative work, music and stories. These experiences help to prepare children for kindergarten.

For further information, call the York Board of Education at 653-2270, ext. 342 or 343.

SELF-HELP WIDOWS PROGRAM

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Program provides an opportunity for emotional support for the recently bereaved through one-to-one contact with another widow and/or group meetings. The next group meeting is set for Sunday, Oct. 2, from 12 noon to 1.30 p.m. in Rooms A and B of the Wagman Centre. **Helen Brown** is group co-ordinator.

This supportive service is non-sectarian, free of charge and open to women 55-70 years of age, widowed less than two years.

If you would like more information, call the centre at 789-5131, local 410, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The centre is located at 55 Ameer Ave.

A LEARNING TO LEARN SEMINAR

A Learning to Learn seminar is being offered at the Inn on the Park on Oct. 15. The workshop is given by an educational psychologist at McGill University. Geared towards college and high school students who want to improve their study habits and adults returning to school who need confidence building, it covers career and academic direction, basic skills of study, concentration during note taking and examination preparations. Concerns and needs of the particular individuals in the class are also focused on.

The fee for the workshop is $30 and students may register by sending a check to ADA Counselling, 788 Upper Belmont, Montreal, H3Y 1K4. Although enrolment is limited, if space is available registration will also be accepted at the door.

CANADIAN JEWS IN THE ARTS

Please note a change in schedule of the study-in-depth series on Canadian Jews in the Arts presented by Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood.

The first session on Oct. 6, will deal with music with **Eugene Kash** and the second session on Oct. 13 will focus on literature with **Elaine Newton**. The other two sessions, art with **Sol Littman** on Oct. 20 and film on Oct. 27 with **Harry Rasky** remain the same.

All sessions are held in the foyer beginning with coffee at 9.45 a.m. followed by the lecture from 10-11.30.

Admission is $2 for members and $3 for non-members.

ABOUT MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

Living With Multiple Sclerosis is a course being co-sponsored by the Multiple Sclerosis Society and Ryerson Polytechnical Institute for people who have been diagnosed during the past two years.

The newly diagnosed have a wide range of questions and concerns. The course will provide specific information on the physical, social and emotional impact of MS and introduce strategies for adapting to a changing lifestyle.

Health professionals, educators and people who have lived with MS themselves for some years will participate in the 4-session course at Ryerson.

The series begins Oct. 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Subsequent sessions are on Oct. 6, 13 and Nov. 3, from 7-9 p.m.

For further information, contact **Gail Ferguson** at Ryerson at 979-5035 or the MS Society at 922-6065.

ABOUT NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

At a meeting of the Toronto Association of Professionals in Jewish Communal Service on Thursday, Oct. 6, guest speaker, **Rabbi Bernard Baskin**, will be discussing The Facts and Fantasies of Nuclear Disarmament. The meeting takes place at 12 noon at Holy Blossom Temple. Admission is free for members and $2 for non-members. Bring a dairy lunch.

Rabbi Baskin

For further information, contact **Monty Mazin** at 789-7471, ext. 32, days or 633-6329 evenings.

HILLEL EVENTS, U OF T

Hillel Foundation B'nai B'rith — Jewish Students' Union, University of Toronto, has a busy week ahead.

First, Hillel wants to announce that mincha is held daily at the Hillel House, 604 Spadina Ave., at 1.30 p.m.

On Thursday, Sept. 29, Hillel celebrates Simchat Torah with the residents of Baycrest Jewish Home for the Aged. Festivities take place at Baycrest, 3560 Bathurst St., in the second floor auditorium. Maariv is at 7.40 p.m. and the celebration follows.

Sunday, Oct. 2, the Simchat Torah rally at Nathan Phillips Square begins at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 5 p.m., former Hillel member and U of T student **Joel Bainerman**, presently living in Israel and on a North American lecture tour, will speak on Cults in Israel. That's at the Hillel House.

For information about Hillel activities, call Betty at 923-9861.

ADATH ISRAEL EVENTS

At Adath Israel Congregation, the gala brotherhood annual installation and dinner and dance takes place Sunday, Oct. 2. It all begins with cocktails at 6.30 p.m. followed by dinner and dancing to the **Bill Drew** orchestra. Couvert is $18 per person. For information and tickets call the synagogue office at 635-5340 or **Larry Sonenberg** at 787-1663 or 731-3227.

The sisterhood is having a dessert meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m. with guest speaker **Prof. Benjamin Schlesinger**, faculty of social work, University of Toronto. His topic will be The Jewish Family of the 80s: Getting Better! Non-sisterhood members are welcome. The charge is $2.

A Sefer Torah will be presented to the synagogue in memory of **Anne Ichelson** by her husband **Eli** and her son **Michael** on Shmini Atzeret, Thursday, Sept. 29, at morning services.

A TOUR WITH A DIFFERENCE

Here's word about a tour with a difference! During the Traveltrade (International) tour to Lido Spa in Miami Beach, Dec. 5-12, you will also be able to enjoy some food for thought with Prof. **Elaine Newton** reviewing at least four of the current best selling novels. This, of course, is in addition to the complete spa program. The cost is U.S.$259 plus air fare. For information, call **Marlene Beres** at Traveltrade at 484-0841.

HUMOR, DRAMA AND FOLKSONGS

An evening of humor, drama and folksongs is being presented by the Labor Zionist Movement in association with the Yiddish Culture Council on Sunday, Oct. 9, at 8 p.m. at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. (at Wislon Heights). This musical presentation stars **Jacobo Denker** and **Dorita Windler** is scheduled for one performance only.

Admission is $5, on a first come, first served basis. Tickets are available from **Al Rabin** at 783-5956. For further information and group arrangements, call 636-4021.

FALL FASHION FLAIR

Wednesday, Oct. 5, is the date of the Fall Fashion Flair by Alton-Lewis presented by Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood at the synagogue, 100 Elder St. The boutique showing is at 7.30 p.m. with the show at 8.30 p.m. Admission is $10 (patroness is $12) and there will be door prizes and refreshments. For tickets, phone 633-0267 or 633-3838.

HAMILTON'S SHALOM VILLAGE

It is time at Hamilton's Shalom Village for the new fall schedule which offers some very new and interesting events and programs in addition to the regular programs.

On Monday, Oct. 3, at 1.30 p.m. — The start of a new craft program working with tiles with instructor **Carol Smith**. This program will run each Monday afternoon on a continuing basis.

Wednesday, Oct. 5, at 1.30 p.m. — The start of the Shalom Rollers and their new bowling league. This will take place each afternoon during October and end with a banquet and presentation of trophies to winners and losers.

Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 8.30 p.m.— A chance to relax before bedtime with the Shalom Sleepers, practicing their stress and relaxation exercises. This will run each Tuesday and Thursday evening.

Wednesday, Oct. 5, at 4 p.m. — Is your weight a problem? Want to know more about good nutrition? Then, join the Shalom Slimmers and see results in no time.

Sunday, Oct. 16, at 2 p.m. — Simcha Sunday celebrating October birthdays with magician **Gordon Percious** entertaining . . . and lots of good food.

Monday, Oct. 17, at 1 p.m. — **Brenda Little**, public health nurse, visits. First the checkups and then from 1.30 on, a Health Issues discussion group.

Tuesday, Oct. 18, and Wedensday, Oct. 19 — Multicultural days with **Mrs. Wong** demonstrating a Chinese dish on Tuesday and **Mr. Choi** from Mohawk College presenting slides of China.

Sunday, Oct. 23, at 2 p.m. — The movie Ghandi will be shown in the lounge. Guests are welcome to attend and admission is free.

Wednesday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m. — Shalom cooking class. Learn how to prepare a full Friday night dinner with teacher **Helen Vine**, a resident of Shalom Village, assisted by volunteer **Miriam Davidson**. The charge of $2 includes tastes and printed recipes.

Those interested in touring the facilities or in obtaining further information can call 528-5377 in Hamilton.

SHAAR SHALOM'S YOUTH GROUPS

Shaar Shalom Synagogue's youth department has something for everyone — a teenager leaders' training course, a pre-teen group, a Shabbat junior congregation and a newly established Kadima organization for children 6-10 years of age.

For activities information, contact **Stephen Bowman**, youth director, at 883-3979 or **Reine Attar**, Kadima supervisor, at 494-3386.

A GARAGE SALE

A garage sale will be held on Sunday, Oct. 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 34 McAllister Rd. (two blocks south of Sheppard, two blocks west of Bathurst). It will feature new and almost new clothes for adults and children and many more bargain items. The sale is sponsored by Galila Chapter of Pioneer Women Na'amat and proceeds will go for children in Israel.

AT BETH TORAH CONGREGATION

The Sabbath morning lecture to be given by **Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg** on Saturday, Oct. 1, will deal with Sexism — Jewish and Other Types. Services begin at 9 a.m. and the rabbi's sermon is offered at 11 a.m. The synagogue is located at 47 Glenbrooke Ave. (south of Lawrence, east of Dufferin). The public is invited.

AN EVENING IN ACAPULCO

Petah Tikva Sisterhood is having a social, An Evening in Acapulco, featuring **Rafael's** Mariachi Band, on Saturday, Oct. 8, at 8.30 p.m. at Petah Tikva Congregation, 20 Danby Ave. Reservations are a must. Call 636-4719 or 663-6531. Come all! Bring your cameras and enjoy taking pictures with the mariachi.

BOUTIQUE SPACE AVAILABLE

Earl Bales Seniors Place in Earl Bales Park (Bathurst and Sheppard) invites participants interested in renting space for a boutique sale on Sunday, Nov. 20, to contact the office at 636-7856 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays to Thursdays.

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CITY OF PEACE AWARD

Gloria and Adam Fuerstenberg [centre] were honored by Beth Jacob V'Anshe Drildz Congregation with the State of Israel Bonds City of Peace Award at a tribute dinner. With them from left to right are Sam Faivish, Israel Bond chairman; Robert Rosen, president of the synagogue; World Zionist leader Jacques Torcyzner, the guest speaker; Rabbi Moses J. Burak, and Joseph Rosenthal, Israel Bond chairman. [Dave Whittaker photo]

Organizations and People

What's New

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BALLROOM DANCING

The ballroom dancing at Earl Bales Seniors Place in Earl Bales Park on Wednesday evenings from 7.30-9.30 is in full swing. Come out and have an enjoyable evening with **Ada Goldblatt**.

U OF T EVENING COURSES

Have you always wanted to study the gods and heroes of Greek mythology? Do your management skills need improving? Perhaps you'd like to master a new language. These are just samples from the variety of subjects being offered this fall by the School of Continuing Studies, University of Toronto.

The school's 1983/84 calendar lists over 300 courses in the areas of liberal studies, administration and professional development.

The school has no formal admission requirements. These studies are offered for the pure enjoyment of learning rather than for university credit.

For further information or to obtain a copy of the calendar, call 978-2400 or visit the Information Office at 158 St. George St. (just south of Bloor at the St. George subway). Registration hours are from 9 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. Monday to Thursday and 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. on Fridays.

DO YOU HAVE FREE TIME?

Sunnybrook Hospital (Eglinton and Bayview) urgently needs volunteer porters in the admitting department to help transport patients within the hospital on Sundays 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The hospital also requires a volunteer art teacher on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon to teach line and still art to war veterans in the hospital.

To volunteer, call the Volunteer Centre North York at 481-6194.

CBC NOON HOUR CONCERT SERIES

CBC Festival Toronto's fifth annual free noon hour concert series begins Oct. 6. Talented Canadian musicians are featured in the series of eight 1-hour concerts which take place every Thursday in October and November at 12 noon in the Church of the Holy Trinity (beside the Eaton Centre).

The opening concert on Oct. 6 features pianist **Sharon Krause**, first prize winner in the 1976 CBC Talent Competition and the 1975 Canada Music Competition. She will perform numbers by Rachmaninoff, Beethoven, Liszt and Mendelssohn.

FOR THE HANDICAPPED/DISABLED

A free 36-page booklet, Information for the Physically Handicapped/Disabled, provides information on a wide range of community and government services for physically handicapped/disabled people within Metropolitan Toronto, such as communication aids, education, employment, health services, transportation and much more.

This booklet is prepared by the Community Information Centre of Metropolitan Toronto and is available at no charge. Copies may be obtained from the centre at 34 King St. E., 3rd floor, Toronto M5C 1E5 or by calling 863-1941.

Information on services for the physically handicapped/disabled is available at no cost by calling the centre at 863-0505.

GREEN BUILDING OPENING ON TV

On Sunday, Oct. 2, the Chai Show will be airing the opening ceremonies of the Lipa Green Building for Jewish Community Services, at 2 p.m. on MTV Channel 47 Cable 4.

CONSMUERS EVENING

Nili Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO has arranged a consumers evening for Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 7.30 p.m., sponsored by Miracle Food Mart and Canadian Jewish Congress. Topics will include kosher meat — cuts, prices and cooking, kosher products, exotic fruits and vegetables and how to buy them, plant care and more.

Admission is $2 and reservations are a must. Call 665-4801.

POMEGRANATE GUILD

The Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Textiles opening meeting is set for Wednesday, Oct. 5, at 8 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple. Men and women interested in becoming members are welcome. For information, call **Judy Dan** at 449-6463 or **Dorothy Ross** at 881-4956.

INSTALLATION DINNER

The installation dinner of the officers and management board for 1983-85 of Steeles-College Memorial Association was held at the Associated Hebrew Schools recently. More than 240 people were in attendance. The officers, from left to right are Emanuel Don, secretary-treasurer; Albert Mend, president, and Harvey Lister and Gordon Donsky, vice-presidents. [Ben Lechtman photo]

FOR SENIORS

Earl Bales Seniors Place — a reminder to come out and enjoy rummycube with **Joe and Ida Salsberg** at Earl Bales Seniors Place on Thursday afternoons from 1-3. For information, phone 636-7856 Monday to Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Workmen's Circle Social Club [60 +] meets on Thursday, Oct. 4, at 12 noon at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. for lunch and entertainment. Come along and sing with the group. And don't forget about the Miami trip. Registration has started. For information, call **Shirley Grotell** at 222-7727.

Adath Israel Seniors also meets on Thursday, Oct. 4. Lunch will be served and a movie will be shown. New friends, both men and women, are welcome. For information, you can call 489-7169 or 743-2624. The time is 12.30 p.m. at the synagogue.

The **Senior Citizens Club of the Labor Zionist Alliance** next luncheon meeting is on Wednesday, Oct. 5, at 11.30 a.m. at 272 Codsell Ave. Guest speaker, orator-columnist-community leader **J. B. Salsberg** will talk about his recent trip to Israel. . . . Free dance classes will start shortly after the holidays. . . . To register for the Miami trip, call **Belle Naiman** at 633-5841 or **Libby Ravka** at 782-2050. . . . President of the club is **Jack Goldbach** . . . The Gershon Grossinger Literary Circle meets every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. At the meeting of Sept. 27 **Sam Kamper** spoke about the Jewish poet **Moni Leib**. Chairman of the literary circle is **Nechemiah Knobel**.

On Wednesday, Oct. 5, guest speaker at the **Holy Blossom Temple Alumni** meeting will be **Dr. Linda Rapson** of the Acupuncture Foundation of Canada. Dr. Rapson will give a talk and slide presentation on acupuncture. That's at 1.30 p.m.

The **Bloor Jewish Community Centre Seniors** group is having an afternoon of Hebrew and Jewish music on Thursday, Oct. 6, from 2-4 p.m. featuring Happy Hearts singers. Everyone is welcome and admission is free. The Bloor JCC is at 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor).

The **Adath Sholom Jubilee Club** (55 +, singles and couples) invites the community to a movie night featuring **Barbara Streisand** in Hello Dolly on Thursday, Oct. 6, at 7.30 p.m. in the synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W. Refreshments will be served. Admission is $1 per person for Jubilee members and $1.50 for non-members. This is the first of a series of movies that will be shown by the club on the first Thursday evening of each month at Adath Sholom. For more information about this and other programs, contact the synagogue office at 635-0131.

Club Chaverim (North-East Jewish Seniors Club) offers classes in oil painting, English as a second language, physical fitness and vareity club. Registration for programs takes place at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. on Monday, Oct. 3, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. . . . At the opening program on Oct. 3, **Patricia Starr**, past president of National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section, will talk about What It Takes To Make a Club Successful. It is at 1 p.m. and promises to be an uplifting experience for all who attend. . . . There is no meeting on Monday, Oct. 10, as it is Thanksgiving. . . . For more information call the North-East JCC office at 889-0813 and ask for **Linda Friedman** or **Rose Shapiro**.

At the **Wagman Centre** — The Heritage Players of the Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre are presenting a musical plea for peace entitled The World Needs Love. It is directed by **Nathan Garnick** with musical arrangements by **Dr. Les Hurwitz**. Showtimes are Sunday, Oct. 2, at 8 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 2 p.m. and Thursday, Oct. 6, at 8 p.m. Tickets are $2 for members and $4 for non-members. Call 789-5131, ext. 477, for ticket information. The centre is located at 55 Ameer Ave. . . . The Creative Arts is offering the following classes for the fall — pottery (8 weeks) on Mondays from 2-4 p.m. beginning Oct. 24; oil painting (10 weeks) on Thursdays from 1.30-3.30 p.m. starting Oct. 13; watercolor painting (10 weeks) on Tuesdays from 2-4 p.m. starting Oct. 11; macrame (10 weeks) on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon beginning Oct. 4; quilting (8 weeks) on Mondays from 9.30-11.30 a.m. starting Oct. 3; pottery for beginners (10 weeks) on Tuesdays from 7.30-9.30 p.m. starting Oct. 11, and photography (10 weeks) on Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. starting Oct. 13.

For information and registration, phone 789-5131, ext. 431 and ask **Dorion Liebgott**, supervisor of creative arts, or **Delores Feldman**, assistant supervisor.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

At the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W., on Sunday, Oct. 2, at 2 p.m. Shalom Theatre is presenting an exciting play, David, by **Alan Richardson**. Shalom is a professional community theatre which is committed to Jewish audiences.

The play traces the roots of **David**, the shepherd boy, from his great grandmother **Ruth** to his day as leader of the nation. It is a gentle and humorous recreation of a golden age in Jewish history.

Admission is free. For information, call 225-2112.

The Wednesday afternoon social on Oct. 5 is United Way Day featuring a 15-minute film, The Way for All, as well as a guest speaker and entertainment by the Creative Choir. That's at 1.15 p.m.

SINGLES

The **Bloor Jewish Community Centre Singles** will be showing the movie, Next Stop Greenwich Village, on Thursday, Oct. 6, at 8 p.m. in the main lounge. Admission is $1 for JCC members and $2 for non-members. The Bloor JCC is at 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor).

The **Jewish Singles Travel Registry** is having its first meeting of the season on Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 7.30 p.m. at the Constellation Hotel. Future trips to be discussed include the New York City trip departing Nov. 11, the Las Vegas bash to bring in the New Year and the Caribbean singles cruise in January. . . . Membership is $20 a year. Make checks payable to the registry at 172 Elder St., suite 1, Downsview, M3H 5H1. . . . For information, call **Russ** at Marlin Travel at 883-1313.

There is a Jewish singles party at Rooney's, 2 Rosehill Ave. (two blocks south of St. Clair at Yonge) on Monday, Oct. 3, beginning at 8.30 p.m. This is for the 22-37-year-olds. Admission is $4. For information, call **Sid Dorfman** at 226-6592.

North-East Jewish Single Parents social on Saturday, Oct. 1, is a Trivia Quiz Night beginning at 8 p.m. — at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Prizes will go to the winning teams. Coffee and dessert will be served. The cost is $5 for members and $8 for non-members. . . . On Sunday, Oct. 2, the family program from 1.30-5 p.m. is apple picking and hayride at Chudleigh's Apple Farm. Bus leaves promptly at 1.30 p.m. from JCC Valley parking lot (south end). The fee is $4 per member and $5 per non-member family. For the hayride alone it is $1 for adults and 50 cents for children. . . . Also on Sunday, Oct. 2, at 8 p.m. there is a wine and cheese party for new and prospective members only. This is free of charge. . . . RSVP for all these programs by calling **Susan Levine** at the NE office at 889-0813.

Reconnect, a life skills group for recently divorced and separated Jewish women under 55, provides personal growth in an atmosphere of mutual sharing and support. The group will meet for eight Tuesdays from Oct. 4-Nov. 22 from 7.30-10 p.m. at the northern JCC, 4588 Bathurst St. Fee is $15. Call **Project Connect** at 497-4494 mornings for information, interview and registration.

The **One-to-One Program** connects the recently separated, divorced and widowed seeking emotional support with a volunteer who has experienced a similar situation. Call Project Connect at 497-4494 mornings.

Getting on With Your Life, a support social networking group for separated, divorced and widowed Jewish men and women between 35 and 50 will be meeting on Thursdays from Oct. 6-Nov. 10 from 7.30-10 p.m. in the Green Building at 4600 Bathurst St. For more information and an interview, call 497-4494 mornings.

The **Men's Awareness Group** is a support group for separated and divorced Jewish men under 55. It offers emotional support and a chance to share feelings with other men who understand. The group will meet for eight Tuesdays from Oct. 4-Nov. 22 from 8-10 p.m. at the northern JCC. Fee is $15. For information, interview and registration, call Project Connect at 497-4494 mornings.

Please note that the **Singles Hot Line** will be closed Thursday, Sept. 29, due to Simchat Torah. An emergency/activity tape will be available. The number is 497-4494.

AT THE JCC

The Koffler Gallery, Koffler Centre of the Arts of the Jewish Community Centre opens its 1983 fall season with a 2-man exhibition on Monday evening, Oct. 3, with a display of drawings, prints and sculpture by **Hagop Khoubesserian** and a retrospective exhibition of sculpture by the late Samuel Lazar Kagan. The show continues until Thursday, Oct. 27. The gallery is at 4588 Bathurst St.

Ethel Raicus, non-objective painter in acrylic, watercolor, oil and gouache will have a display of her works in the Koffler Loggia Gallery, Koffler Centre, opening Monday evening, Oct. 3 and continuing to Thursday, Oct. 27.

The Leah Posluns Theatre School of the Koffler Centre is still taking registration for a wide range of theatre courses taught by professional teachers directors, actors and technicians for children, teens and adults. Courses range from creative drama to acting techniques, improvisations, monologues, scene study, script writing and backstage workshops. For more information, call 636-1880, ext. 230 or 243.

The Friendship Club for Mentally Handicapped Adults is starting Monday, Oct. 3, at the northern JCC. New members are welcome, so join in for the activities including fitness, social events and swimming. Call **Ellyn Waldman** for further information at 636-1880, ext. 231.

The northern JCC is offering a Sunday group for children with special needs. It is called Gila and the program includes outings, games, arts and crafts, music and more. If you think your child might enjoy this group, call Ellyn Waldman for further information. Group starts Sunday, Oct. 2, and will run every Sunday afternoon for 10 weeks.

Numerous special needs programs are arranged at the northern JCC. Two of these are for 13-year-olds plus, who have socialization difficulties, starting in October. The Supper Club on Wednesday from 5-8 p.m. will offer individual attention in a fun, recreational setting with special events and trips included. Sunday Club on Sundays from 1-3 p.m. offers individual attention in a social setting enabling participants to gain confidence, make friends and have fun. Pre-registration is necessary. For rates and information, call **Carolyn** at 636-1880, ext. 239.

Calling all kids after school — Drop in at the northern JCC on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5-6 p.m. for music and drama, crafts, model building, games and video galore, new edition (write, edit, print and circulate your own newspaper) and basic first aid training. Call Ellyn Waldman for further information. It starts Monday, Oct. 3, so don't delay.

Sunday is fun day for kids at the northern JCC. Join such groups as boys and girls clubs, games, kosher cooking, scientist club, sewing and multi-media crafts. Call Ellyn Waldman for information. Starting date is Sunday, Oct. 2.

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Organizations and People

What's New

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The northern JCC is starting two scouting groups — Beavers and Cubs. This may be what your son is looking for. If it is, call Ellyn Waldman.

The PACE (Public Affairs and Continuing Education) department of the Koffler Centre has organized its 1983-84 Topics Unlimited lecture series to begin Monday, Oct. 3, from 12.30-2 p.m. with guest speaker **Myrna Levine** to lecture on Different Approaches to Psychotherapy. Admission is $1 and everyone is welcome. Call 636-1880, ext. 230 if you would like more information.

PACE is offering an 8-session course in Effective Communications starting on Thursday, Oct. 6, from 7.30-9.30 p.m. This program is designed for both men and women and will cover listening skills, language of assertiveness, creative problem solving and values of clarification. Instructor is **Georgine Nash**. Fee is $50 for JCC members and $65 for non-members. Pre-registration is necessary. Call 636-1880, ext. 230 or 243.

Classes in beginners and intermediate Hebrew have been arranged by PACE. Beginners Hebrew (20 sessions) starts Monday, Oct. 3, from 7.30-9.30 p.m. or Thursday, Oct. 6, from 9.30-11.30 a.m. Intermediate Hebrew begins Wednesday, Oct. 5, from 7.30-9.30 p.m. or Thursday, Oct. 6, from 7.30-9.30 p.m. Cost is $100 for JCC members and $130 for non-members. Pre-registration necessary. Call 636-1880, ext. 243 or 233.

An 8-session course, Introduction to Psychology, offered by PACE, starts Tuesday, Oct. 4, from 7.30-9.30 p.m. This program will focus on a survey of different theories and their applications in hopes of developing one's awareness. Fee is $45 for JCC members and $60 for non-members. Pre-registration required. Call 636-1880, ext. 243 or 230 for information.

Aging is a Family Affair, for adult children of aging parents, is a 6-session program sponsored by PACE. It begins Wednesday, Oct. 5, from 7.30-9.30 p.m. at the northern JCC. **Rosalie Mednick Nepom**, a nurse, will help participants deal with problems and needs of aging parents — how to cope with emotional and physical changes, medication, diet and diseases, guilt and frustrations. Cost is $35 for JCC members and $45 for non-members. Call Georgine Nash at 636-1880, ext. 233 or 243 for information.

At the Bloor branch — The second year of the Bloor JCC Bridge Club begins during the first week of October. Contract bridge runs Tuesdays from 7-10 p.m. and Wednesdays from 12.30-3.30 p.m. under the supervision of **Rose Lucke**. . . . The Book Club will be discussing **Mordecai Richler's** Joshua Then and Now on Wednesday, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m. New participants are still welcome. . . . A newsletter for adults, singles and single parents will be available at the Bloor JCC front office at the beginning of October. Monthly activities will be included. . . .

The Computer Club announces two upcoming programs — What's It All About? for children 5-12 years of age to take place Sunday, Oct. 23, from 1-3 p.m. Cost is $1 for JCC members and $3 for non-members, and a workshop of five sessions covering different aspects of the computer world to be held on five consecutive Mondays for people 12-95 years of age, beginning Monday, Oct. 17, from 7-9 p.m. Cost is $35 for JCC members and $50 for non-members. Space is limited for both these programs, so call **Mark Egan** at 924-6211 as soon as possible. . . . The Wolfcub Pack will commence after school during the second week of October. A few spaces are still available for boys age 7-9. Call Mark Egan. . . .

The 1983 Book Fair welcomes photographs on Jewish themes for a week's display at the Bloor JCC. Entries must be submitted by Nov. 1. . . . The Bloor JCC will be showing the movie, Next Stop Greenwich Village on Thursday, Oct. 6, at 8 p.m. in the main lounge. Admission is $1 for JCC members and $2 for non-members.

At the North-East branch — The NE/JCC is offering fall programs for adults and children. Register now for fitness, bridge, computer, job search techniques and post partum fitness. . . . Enroll your pre-schoolers, 6 months to 5 years, in arts and crafts, music, gym, games, cooking, imaginative storybook workshop and Jewish content programs. For children on Sunday, there is a creative craft and toy handicraft program as well as an elementary babysitting course for 10-12 year olds. For registration information, call **Linda Friedman** at 889-0813.

HOLIDAY DEADLINE

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the deadline for the Oct. 13 issue is moved forward to Tuesday, Oct. 4, at noon. I will be at my desk on Monday, the 3rd, and Tuesday, the 4th, [till noon] to receive material for that issue.

About People

HERUT-HATZOAR CENTRAL REGION

The Herut-Hatzoar (Central Region) executive elected at a meeting in Toronto recently is headed by president **Louis D. Silver**. Vice-presidents are **Harry Mann** and **Nechemia Wurman**. Co-treasurers are **Ralph Fromer** and **Morris Mlotek. Max Freiberg** is secretary, **Jack Lubinsky** is in charge of public relations and **Lewis J. E. Moses** is chairman of the executive. **Louis Shainhouse** is immediate past president. Also on the executive are **Sam Shainhouse, Harry Frimerman, Sam Polster, David Kimche** and **Max Ber.**

KENNEDY TO BE GUEST SPEAKER

Senator Edward Kennedy, who will receive an honorary doctorate from Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, will be the special guest speaker at the seventh annual dinner on Wednesday, Oct. 5, at the Pierre Hotel in New York City. **Ambassador Yaakov Avnon**, vice-president of the university, will be honored at the event.

The evening is hosted by the American Associates, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

JCC APPOINTMENT

Paul Brownstein, assistant executive director and northern branch director of the Jewish Community Centre has announced the appointment of **Mindy Coplevitch** as northern branch director of group services.

Mindy Coplevitch

Mindy, who holds a MSW degree with experience in family life education, has come to the centre with a wealth of experience from Ville Marie Social Service Centre in Montreal. She assumed her duties at the Toronto JCC earlier this month.

U OF T GOVERNING COUNCIL

Included on the University of Toronto's Governing Council for 1983-84 are **Burnett M. Thall**, a member of the executive committee; **W. Bernard Herman**, who serves on the business affairs committee of which Mr. Thall is chairman, and **Cecil Peters**, who is on the committee on campus and community affairs.

ALBERTA DOCTOR RECEIVES AWARD

Longtime Alberta physician and noted humanitarian **Dr. David Lander** was honored with the prestigious Sir Frederick Haultain Prize at a dinner recently. This prize is awarded to three Albertans annually who have excelled in their chosen fields in the categories of the sciences, education, the humanities and the arts. It is valued at $25,000 each.

Dr. Lander was selected as a recipient for "his lifetime commitment to the healing of the sick, his compassion towards and humane treatment of all who entrusted themselves to his medical care, as well as his teaching and constant leadership in new concepts of medicine. . . ."

Dr. Lander, who began his medical practice in Turner Valley, Alberta, has received numerous honors throughout his career and is listed in Search of Canada, a chronicle of Canada's 50 most interesting citizens. He now resides in Calgary where he lectures, writes and sees a limited number of patients.

It's old hat for BB

WASHINGTON —

When it comes to serving the community — especially those who have difficulty in helping themselves — Toronto members of B'nai B'rith International seem to have it all over everyone else.

For the third consecutive year, a B'nai B'rith from Toronto's Leonard Mayzel Lodge has won the Jewish service organization's Col. Elliot A. Niles Award for "the most outstanding personal volunteer service" and for the second straight year a lodge from Toronto has won the Sidney G. Kusworm Award for "the best overall community and volunteer service program."

The Col. Niles winner for 1982 is Seymour Cohen, chairman of community volunteer services for the Mayzel Lodge; the Kusworm winner is the Upper Canada Lodge. The Mayzel Lodge won the Kusworm Award last year and its members won the Niles Awards for 1980 and 1981.

Among the activities in which Cohen, and many other members of the Mayzel Lodge were involved: picnics, fun days and parties for patients in hospitals and nursing homes; manned phones at the Jerry Lewis muscular distrophy telethon; helped to run games, assemble grab bags and distribute food at the Canadian Children's Foundation Future Champs Day.

Upper Canada Lodge carried out a similar program and in some instances participated in the same activity. In addition to putting on Chanukah, Purim, Halloween and Christmas parties, its members sponsored picnics, bingo and bowling events. They donated blood to the Red Cross, sponsored lunch and a floor show at the Baycrest, took war amputees to baseball games, entertained patients at the Queen Street Psychiatric Hospital.

Upper Canada Lodge members manned checkpoints at the UJA Walkathon, collected and delivered food at Passover to needy Jews, took over clerical and other municipal jobs so Christian employees could enjoy Christmas with their families, helped to raise funds for the United Jewish Appeal. And capping off all of their activities, they opened their low-rent senior citizens apartment house.

COMING EVENTS

בית צדק BETH TZEDEC

THE NICHOLAS M. and HEDY J. MUNK
ANNUAL LECTURES
DR. JOEL ROTH
Dean of the Rabbinical School of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America

Weekend theme: **Conservative Judaism & the Next Ten Years**

1. *Friday, Oct. 14, 8:30 p.m.* — **Women as Rabbis?**
2. *Saturday Morning, Oct. 15,* from the Pulpit — **Jewish Law or Jewish Whim**
3. *Saturday Noon* Luncheon — **Conservative Judaism: Doldrums or Retrenchment**

Reservations for the luncheon are to be prepaid at the Synagogue office before noon on Oct. 12. One may also attend the noon lecture without having lunch. The lecture commences at 12:45 p.m.

SOVIETS FORM ANTI-ZIONIST GROUP

JEWS HARRASSED IN SYRIA

SIMCHAT TORAH RALLY FOR OPPRESSED JEWS

Sunday, October 2, 6 p.m.

Nathan Phillips Square
City Hall, Toronto

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Organizations and People

Proceeds for patient care floor

Excitement reigns as Dora Till Dinner nears

TORONTO —

Baycrest Centre Women's Auxiliary members are busy putting the final touches to plans for the Dora Till Dinner, scheduled for Monday, Oct. 3 at the Inn on the Park. Mrs. Till was the founder of the Auxiliary.

Proceeds of the dinner will go towards the Dora Till Patient Care Floor of the new Baycrest Hospital, now under construction.

Dora Till

Mrs. Till's affiliation as a volunteer with Baycrest goes back to 1950 when she was invited to join the planning and building committee for the Jewish Home for the Aged. In 1955 she founded the Auxiliary.

"Dora's ability to inspire and lead others," said current WA president Alma Waldman," has been instrumental in determining the direction of the Women's Auxiliary and the calibre of its service to Baycrest.

"In fact we're very proud that under Dora's leadership, the WA has grown into one of the largest and most successful volunteer networks in the country."

Over her 30 years of service to Baycrest, Till has been chairman of the furnishings committee, president of the Women's Auxiliary, chairman of the Historical Record Book, chairman of the Sabbath Festival Lights Project, and chairman of the Day Care Services.

In 1968 she co-chaired the Women's Division of the capital campaign for the new JHA, and in the same year was co-chairman of the furnishing committee. She was co-founder of the Heritage Museum at Baycrest, and is an honorary life member of the Board of Directors of the Centre.

Still going strong, her daily schedule of activity almost always includes a visit to Baycrest where she can be found in her office, or visiting patients and families.

Dinner organizers Frances Wintrob and Diana Farro said "we're very excited by the response from past and present associates who are anxious to honor her for her outstanding commitment to the community and to Baycrest. . . . Most people agree the dinner is the most appropriate way to pay tribute to someone who has devoted her lifetime to helping others."

Among the guests expected to attend the event are Pauline McGibbon, the honorary patron and her husband Donald and the following tribute committee members: Herbert and Patricia Alpert, John and Isabel Bassett, David and Lily Barr, J. and June Barrett, Beatrice Bennett, Sydney and Florence Cooper, Jack and Valerie Fine, Julius and Esther Goodman;

John A. and Trudi MacDonald, Gustavo Tolentino, Maryon Kantaroff, Sol and Controller Esther Shiner, Robert and Judge Karen Weiler, Morris and Miriam Kerzner, Ray D. and Rose Wolfe, Irving and Gail Gerstein.

Tickets for the dinner can be obtained by calling Rhoda Kopstein at 789-5131, ext. 425.

Lawyer lashes out at reform act

Family law changes advocated

By
VIVIEN SHARON

TORONTO —

Women have to seek changes in the family law reform act whether they are married, separated, divorced or widowed, according to lawyer Linda Silver Dranoff, who addressed a Toronto Hadassah-WIZO general meeting last week at Adath Israel Synagogue.

Linda Dranoff

"Women got the vote in 1918, yet, for the most part, they put that vote in the bank. It didn't earn interest; it just gathered dust," said Silver Dranoff, who, in her private practice, specializes in family law, as well as human rights, real estate and constitutional law.

Referring to the 1978 provincial Family Reform Act as "regressive" and "convoluted," she said it is laden with a plethora of loopholes.

Specifically, she stated that the act does not treat women fairly nor recognize their contribution to the economic partnership of marriage. Further, the law only includes the sharing of family assets, namely the matrimonial home, cottage and furnishings, she said.

"It unfairly excludes investments, savings and joint accounts, pension and businesses, unless the wife made a specific financial contribution, was a wage earner, or the husband happens to be very wealthy," declared Silver Dranoff, who founded the Justice Committee for Family Law Reform earlier this year.

She is the author of Women in Canadian Law (Fitzhenry & Whiteside), a Chatelaine Magazine columnist, a law teacher, lecturer, and has appeared on CBC, CTV, Global and CITY-TV as a family law expert.

Addressing more than 300 women, she said: "Many women who have been out of the work force for some 10, 20 or 30 years, have not cultivated their job skills during marriage. Should the marriage disintegrate or should she be widowed, she will find herself in her mid-40s and forced to support herself.

"Statistics prove she will earn about $12,000 per year, or roughly 60% of what men earn."

A homemaker's contribution is not considered significant in the court of law, she said. "Homemaking carries no financial reward — that is unless your husband rewards you."

A petition to provincial Attorney - General Roy McMurtry was circulated during the meeting, with the following recommendations:

- To support fairness in our family law.
- A deferred (until after marriage breakdown) community of property system as recommended by the Ontario Law Reform Commission in 1974 should be instituted.
- A husband and wife should be required to share equally the value of their private pension plans and savings.
- On the death of a spouse, the survivor should get at least what he or she would have received from a property division on marriage breakdown, and
- The matrimonial home should be jointly owned during the marriage, not just on termination of the marriage.

Patricia Alpert, president of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO, said that their organization helps to support 24 legal aid bureaus in Israel which advise women on all legal matters, represent them before the courts and evaluate extant laws and legislation.

Others participating in the proceedings included Pearl Greenbaum, past president; Myrtle Coopersmith, vice-president; Rosalie Flomen, Youth Aliyah chairman; Frieda Walton, membership chairman; Susan Shames, bazaar chairman; Phyllis Flatt, Toronto convention chairman, and Taube Zeifman, corresponding secretary.

CONGRESS CALENDAR
of
ADULT EDUCATION and CULTURE EVENTS
for OCTOBER, 1983
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JEWISH CULTURE COUNCIL OF T.J.C.
As A Public Service

Oct. 2	Committee for Soviet Jewry, Simchat Torah rally, Nathan Phillips Square, 7 p.m. For information, 635–2883, ext. 144.
Oct. 2	Canadian Zionist Federation, Zionism in the Diaspora - Can It Meet The Challenges of the 80s? Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St., 7:45 p.m.
Oct. 3	Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, Jews and Non-Jews: An Historical Perspective, Prof. Martin Lockshin, 470 Glencairn Ave., 8 p.m.
Oct. 9	Wagman Centre, readings by two outstanding Canadian poets, Irving Layton and Miriam Waddington, 55 Ameer Ave., 2 p.m.
Oct. 10	The Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre, "Our Responsibility for our Youth," Rabbi J. Ganzburg, Lubavitch Youth Organization, 2:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	Beth Tzedec, public lecture, Dr. Joel Roth, 1700 Bathurst St., 8:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	Wagman Centre, "Torah Ethics," Rabbi Moses J. Burak, Beth Jacob Synagogue, 55 Ameer Ave., 2 p.m.
Oct. 18	Adath Israel Congregation, "Bio-medical Ethics: A Jewish Approach," Cantor A.E. Kirshblum, 37 Southbourne Ave., 8 p.m.
Oct. 24	Wagman Centre, "What Torah Expects From Us as Human Beings," 55 Ameer Ave., 2 p.m.
Oct. 25	Holy Blossom Temple, "Torah, as a Guide to Jewish Identity," Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, 1950 Bathurst St., 8 p.m.
Oct. 29–30	Shaarei Shomayim, "Great Weekend", 470 Glencairn Ave., for information call Dr. Judith Rosner-Siegal, 783–3090.
Oct. 30	Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, Rosen Lecture, guest, Dr. Ruth Wise, 55 Yeomans Rd., 8 p.m.
Oct. 31	Wagman Centre, "Jewish Law - Static or Dynamic," Rabbi Albert Pappenheim, of Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation, 55 Ameer Ave., 2 p.m.
Oct. 31	Teachers Seminar, York University, on "Teaching the Holocaust," 9 a.m., for information call 635–2883, ext. 144.

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470 Glencairn Avenue, Toronto 789–3213
PROGRAM IN CONTINUING EDUCATION
Fall Semester, 1983

MONDAY EVENING

Jews and Non-Jews: an Historical Perspective.
Rabbi Professor Martin Lockshin
This course will examine the forces which separated Jews and Non-Jews. Five major epochs of Jewish History: Biblical, Talmudic, Medieval, 19th and 20th centuries, will be studied.
Six sessions/Oct. 3–Nov. 14/8 p.m.

Great Moments in Jewish Music.
Cantor Harold Klein
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Six sessions/Oct. 3–Nov. 14/8 p.m.

Talmud Tractate Brachot
Rabbi Henry Hoschander
Analysis of the text and commentories on Chapter VI.
Continuing/Oct. 3/8 p.m.

Israel and the Law
Rabbi Henry Hoschander
A careful view of how a modern state functions within the realm of Jewish law. Marriage, divorce and conversion will be discussed.
Six sessions/Oct. 3–Nov. 14/9 p.m.

Ethical Issues in the Bible
Rabbi Elliott Diamond
An analysis of selected texts with special emphasis on ethical issues. NO HEBREW REQUIRED.
Six sessions/Oct. 3–Nov. 14/9 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING

Hilchot Shabbat
Rabbi Howard Sacknovitz
The laws which govern practice and behaviour on Shabbat. Discussion of legal texts, *minhagim* (customs) and philosophy.
Six sessions/Oct. 5–Nov. 16/8 p.m.

Talmud Tractate Rosh Ha'Shanah
Rabbi Howard Sacknovitz
A comprehensive study of the laws of Rosh Ha'Shanah beginning with laws of the Shofar.
Continuing/Oct. 5/9 p.m.

WEEKDAY MORNINGS

Hebrew Reading
Cantor Harold Klein
A practical guide to reading and understanding the Hebrew of the Synagogue.
Continuing/Oct. 3, Mondays/9:30 a.m.

Sisterhood Study Group
Rabbi Henry Hoschander
Selected topics of interest to women. Phone for details.
Continuing/Alternate Tuesdays/9:30 a.m.

SHABBAT SHIURIM

Chumash and Rashi
Rabbi Henry Hoschander
One hour before Shacharit.

Shiur for Advanced Scholars
Rabbi Henry Hoschander
One hour before Mincha.

Rambam's Mishne Torah
Rabbi Howard Sacknovitz
For university students. *One hour before Mincha.*

Weekly Portion
Dr. Judith Siegel
For beginners. *One hour before Mincha.*

Shiur in the Halacha of Shabbat
David Klein
For High School students. *One hour before Mincha.*

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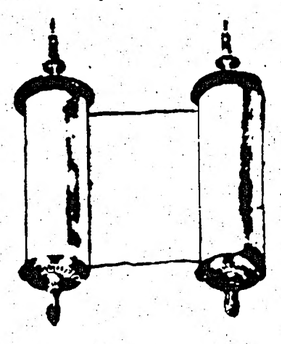

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Shmini Atzeret/Simchat Torah 5744

There is no joy without Torah — we have to study with all our strength.

There is a custom that the person called to the last aliyah of the year — the completion of the Five Books of Moses — is called the chasan Torah, the "groom of the Torah."

In Prague, a certain wealthy but ignorant man bought the honor of chasan Torah. Commented Reb Yonasan: "This man is a pious groom of the Torah — he hasn't looked at the bride during the whole year. . . ."

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We dance around with the Torah seven times — the hakafos.

What is the significance of the hakafos?

But — explained Reb Meir Schapiro — just like at the hakafos we dance and dance, but in the end we arrive at the same place that we started, so it is with all of Jewish history. We started thousands of years ago in Eretz Yisrael with our Torah, and then were sent into exile. We encircled the globe, carrying the Torah in our hands — Spain, Germany, Russia, America.

But in the end, we wind up where we started. After all the suffering and struggle carrying the Torah close to our hearts, we will return to Eretz Yisrael.

Torah and Eretz Yisrael belong together. After the hakafos, Reb Mordechai of Hositin used to sit with his chassidim at a festive seudah meal. He would have them sing the Psalm, "By the waters of Babylon . . ." that results a longing for Zion. His hand pressed against his forehead, he would stare into space, as though seeing the faraway hills of Judea.

When he bestirred himself, he blessed everyone: "Lshana ha'baah b'yerushalayim. . . . Next year in Jerusalem!" and would lead them in a great dance.

We must dance our way to Eretz Yisrael.

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When you love the Torah, you have to love every Jewish neshama. . . .

Why is the last parsha called "Vzot ha'bracha — And this is the blessing?"

Said the Maharam Mintz: On Simchat Torah, when there is celebration and joy, when one Jew feels close and bound up with every other Jew, then shalom, peace, reigns. And where you have peace you have blessing!

The greatest Torah is ahavas Yisrael. In the synagogue of Reb David of Leluv there were not enough Torahs to honor everyone with a hakafah. He said to Reb Yitzcha of Vurka: "Dance around with your grandson Yaakov, and that will be considered as though you danced with a Torah. . . ."

May peace and joy and Yiddishkeit reign on the house of Israel. Shabbat Shalom and Chag Sameach.

Cancer Society pays tribute to their efforts

Frankel, Sharp honored at dinner

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO — A 50-year-old "Man For All Seasons" and an 80-year-old "World Class Volunteer" — both Jewish — were saluted by more than 400 people attending a black-tie, $125-per-plate dinner held by the Canadian Cancer Society this week in the Four Season Hotel's Regency Ballroom.

• The 50-year-old was Isadore (Issy) Sharp, founder and chairman of Four Seasons Hotels Limited, and joint chairman of this year's United Jewish Appeal campaign, who was honored for his continuing support of the Terry Fox Marathon of Hope Runs.

Isadore Sharp

• The 80-year-old was Ruth Hartman Frankel, former president of the Toronto National Council of Jewish Women for five years, author of Three Cheers For Volunteers, and probably Canada's most decorated woman, winner of Companion of the Order of Canada as well as medals from France, Poland, England and other countries for her 35 years of dedicated volunteer efforts on behalf of cancer treatment.

At the dinner, Sharp became the first recipient of the Ruth Hartman Frankel Humanitarian Award, newly established by the Toronto unit of the Canadian Cancer Society as a tribute to her many accomlishments. Among other achievements, she was responsible for the creation of the Princess Margaret Hospital Lodge as well as its auxiliary.

Mrs. Frankel, a spry, slender woman with bright hazel eyes, widow of the Frankel Steel Co. magnate, Egmont Leo Frankel, whose father, Leo Frankel, co-founded Holy Blossom Temple, told The CJN she was proud of her Jewish heritage.

She took special pride in having been named "Woman of the Year" in 1959 by B'nai B'rith.

"I wanted to contribute something to the Frankel name, but I wanted to do it on my own," she said. "I didn't want to bask in reflected glory and be a taker. I've always believed in giving but not like Lady Bountiful. The most meaningful way of giving is by doing."

Ruth Frankel

She had made nine trips around the world, she said, investigating cancer treatment hospitals. She customarily told government officials, "Let me see your hospitals and I'll tell you what your nation is. How you take care of your sick is a measure of your humanity."

She felt that Jewish people as a group "did a fabulous job" of giving themselves as volunteers for worthy causes. She praised Sharp for inspiring others with his "generosity and yet being so modest about it."

Sharp was presented with a bronze sculpture entitled Spring, created by Toronto sculptor May Marx. She said the work represented the first spring flower, which "symbolizes hope and the renewal of life."

Sharp, whose own young son had died of a virulent form of cancer, was lauded for being one of the first to support Terry Fox on his cross-Canada run, pledging that his chain of hotels would contribute $2 for each mile that Fox covered.

He then persuaded newspapers to donate space for an ad that challenged 999 Canadian companies to do the same. The ad read: "Let's make Terry's Run really count."

He also made it possible for the Toronto unit of the Canadian Cancer Society to raise over $100,000 from the movie premiere of Tribute starring Jack Lemmon, by providing a reception and dinner for 700 people.

The dinner honoring Sharp and Frankel had as its guest speaker Dr. Phil Gold, director of McGill Cancer Centre, who has received many awards for his discovery of tests capable of detecting cancer in the various organs of the body.

Conrad Black, chairman of Argus Corp., was honorary chairman and master of ceremonies of the dinner. The invocation was made by Sidney Butovsky, president of the Toronto unit of the Canadian Cancer Society. Sharp was introduced by the fashion store magnate, Eddie Creed.

Guests attending with their wives included Claud Bennett, Ontario minister of housing, Douglas Bassett, president of Baton Broadcasting Co., Lionel Schipper, co-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal campaign, Metro chairman Paul Godfrey and North York mayor Mel Lastman.

Also present were prominent members of the Toronto Jewish community and spouses including Murray Koffler, George Cohon, James F. Kay, Joseph and Wayne Tanenbaum, Al Waxman, Jack Gwartz, Allan Offman, Morris Kerzner, Harry Rosen, Leo Perkell, Bernard Ghert, Jack and Tom Creed, Sydney Cooper, Bram Appel, Edwin Goodman, and Drs. Ralph and Gerald Halbert.

Also, Jerry Grafstein, Jules James, John Frankel, Joseph Rotman, Larry Brenzel, Hy Isenbaum and Manfred Liverant.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Ruth Hartman Frankel Humanitarian Award to Sharp for "his altruistic efforts on behalf of the Canadian Cancer Society . . . which have shown those qualities of vision, caring and commitment so characteristic of Ruth Frankel and make him a most worthy recipient of the award which honors her."

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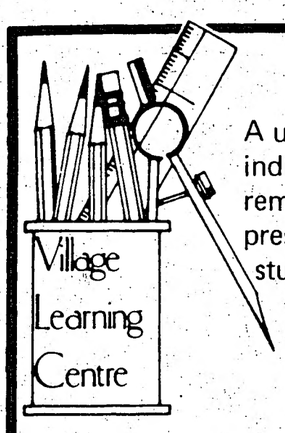

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Organizations and People

Appleby praised for innovative ideas

Tax specialist will chair dinner for Rothschilds

TORONTO —

A 39-year-old tax law specialist has been appointed chairman of the Toronto Negev Dinner to honor Kurt and Edith Rothschild on Dec. 4 at the Royal York Hotel.

Ronald Appleby, a partner at Robins, Appleby, Kotler, Banks & Taub was given high praise by Sidney Bearg, president of the Jewish National Fund of Toronto, in making the announcement.

Ronald Appleby

"The acceptance of this major responsibility augurs well for the success of our community's largest and most prestigious annual tribute," Bearg said.

"We are delighted to welcome this articulate and energetic leader from the ranks of the younger generation, as the head of our Negev Dinner team. His innovative ideas, enthusiasm and extensive experience in public activities, will certainly be reflected in another major JNF achievement, as our collective expression of esteem for the honorees."

The Negev Dinner will support the further development of the Orthodox settlement of Tefachot, one of 14 fledgling communities comprising Galil Canada in Israel's north, for which the land infrastructure is being created exclusively with funds raised by Canadian JNF.

Appleby was the recipient of the Leadership Development Award of the Toronto Jewish Congress in 1977 and received the Man of the Year award from the professional advisory committee of the Bequest and Endowment Fund of the United Jewish Welfare Fund.

His current involvements are many and include a wide range of important local and overseas causes: Ben-Gurion University; Bequest and Endowment Fund; Board of Jewish Education; Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region; Council of Jewish Federations; Israel Museum; Mt. Sinai Hospital; Toronto Jewish Congress; United Appeal and United Jewish Appeal.

CJC, McMurtry discuss enforcing anti-hate laws

TORONTO —

A Canadian Jewish Congress delegation met recently with Ontario attorney-general Roy McMurtry to discuss the matter of hate propaganda and the enforcement of the anti-hate laws. John Takach, assistant deputy attorney-general for criminal law, was also present.

According to a release from the CJC, the history of the anti-hate sections of the Criminal Code was reviewed as well as problems that arise when cases are brought forward. (The law requires the attorney-general's consent for such prosecutions.)

The deputation reviewed a number of cases in recent years which had been referred to McMurtry's department for prosecution, among them The Sword of David booklet, published by a Soviet source, the preacher in Toronto whose sermon breathed fire and brimstone against "the Jews" and a barrage of material which states blatantly that the Holocaust is a "Zionist lie."

These cases and others had been placed before the AG and his staff. In all cases it was found that the available defences in the criminal code and the wording of the sections were such, in his opinion, as to make an acquittal likely.

McMurtry had been reluctant to give consent as an acquittal would only encourage hatemongers to proceed further, the CJC release said.

McMurtry agreed, according to Congress, that the legislation was faulty and "expressed himself as favoring some amendments that would aid the enforcement process. Other legal initiatives in dealing with racial and religious hate dissemination were also considered."

Those present for CJC were: Sam Filer, immediate past chairman, CJC national executive; Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, national chairman, Joint Community Relations Committee; Rose Wolfe, Ontario regional chairman JCRC; Lester Scheininger, Ontario regional chairman CJC and B. G. Kayfetz, executive director, JCRC.

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Organizations and People

Brail sees need for new people, ideas

JCC taking steps to bridge a "leadership gap"

By
GARY COHEN

TORONTO —

Most of us are familiar with the generation gap, the credibility gap, the time gap and, of course, Ruggles of Red Gap.

But what about the leadership gap?

While the term may conjure up visions of political, religious or other social deficiencies for the average layman, it refers to a very specific, concrete problem for Sid Brail, executive director of the Jewish Community Centre.

"The growth of the Centre has been just short of phenomenal," says Brail. "In terms of our programs, size, volunteer department — our overall operation — the JCC is constantly expanding.

"The Centre is run essentially by members and because of our growth it is necessary that we have a comprehensive decision-making policy. The level of sophistication in making decisions has been raised as the JCC has expanded and there are elaborate processes to make sure that policies are well thought out. It is important to know how to make those decisions in the best interests of the entire agency."

Which brings us to what Brail calls the "leadership gap" and the program that the JCC has initiated to fill that void.

This is not to say that the Centre lacks or has lacked solid leadership. But, according to Brail, while past leadership has been exemplary it is still necessary to develop future leaders who will bring innovative ideas, while accurately reflecting the changing nature of the JCC and the community.

"There is a balance needed in leadership," Brail says. "New people of both sexes, all ages and from all walks of life should be encouraged to bring new ideas to the Centre." In that respect, Brail says, the JCC has "had a leadership gap."

To ensure that the Centre's progress does not outstrip the emergence of new leaders, the JCC leadership development program was created. The purpose of the program, which, under the chairmanship of Micki Bregman, began its second year earlier this month, is to teach "direct skills and techniques of leadership" while giving participants a "fundamental understanding of the Centre," Brail says.

The program, compacted from last year's 8-month affair, features one 2-hour session every week for 10 straight weeks. (In its inaugural year, program sessions were held once every three weeks.) Classes move throughout the 10-week period between the JCCs Northern, North/East and Bloor branches.

The program was designed with a 25-person enrolment ceiling and successful applicants were chosen by Brail and Bregman with the criteria of "balance" in mind.

Some participants are JCC members or staffers who are already "involved in the system," while others are "totally fresh," according to Brail. While previous involvement in community activities may be helpful, he adds, it is not absolutely necessary.

There is no fee for the course and the only real prerequisite is surviving the selection process.

After beginning the program with an ice breaker class focusing on the history of the Centre, Brail says subsequent sessions planned for this year will deal with Jewish values at the JCC; the role of the community and the JCC in terms of funding and financial responsibility; how vested interests affect committee agendas and other aspects of board room politicking; leadership styles (autocratic, democratic, etc.); and the running of committees (a role playing exercise that allows participants to wear different hats to experience how committees work to accomplish their goals).

Once the course sessions are completed members of the group are then assigned to committees (the JCC tries to place participants by preference) for a 6- to 7-month period for more concrete, practical experience. And, of course, they are able to expose established leaders and staff to their fresh ideas.

Although Brail says a date for the next session of the program has yet to be decided, he adds that he is happy to hear from applicants who are interested in taking part in the LDP's third instalment. Application forms and more information are available by contacting Brail at the Centre at 636-1880.

And don't be concerned about applying too early. With 20 graduates from last year's program and another 25 expected at the end of the current session, the JCC obviously doesn't ever think it's too soon to start worrying about the future.

Orthodox rabbi loses bid not to pay dues to union

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

A labor tribunal has ruled against a Toronto Orthodox rabbi who is opposed to paying dues to a union whose policies conflict with his religious beliefs.

Rabbi J. Immanuel Schochet, who teaches philosophy at Humber College, told The Canadian Jewish News last week he is appealing the decision handed down by the Ontario public service labor relations tribunal.

He said he was particularly indignant because the ruling of the panel of three labor judges was in direct conflict with the precedent set by the same tribunal last May when deciding in favor of the same grievance launched by Chaim Forer, a government computer programmer who is a devout Lubavitcher.

Both Schochet and Forer condemned the Ontario Federation of Labor [OFL], the umbrella body of 800,000 trade unionists, for passing a resolution last November, calling for recognition of the PLO as the "legitimate representative of the Palestinian people."

Both contended that by paying dues to the Ontario Public Service Employees' Union, which belongs to the OFL, they were thus condoning a terrorist organization perpetrating crimes against people of the Jewish faith.

The tribunal decided in favor of Forer, ruling he was exempt from paying $300 annual dues to the union, and instead that sum would be channeled to a charitable organization.

But in the case of Schochet, it ruled against him, on grounds that his motive was political rather than religious.

The tribunal noted that in Forer's case, it did not express a reason for deciding in his favor.

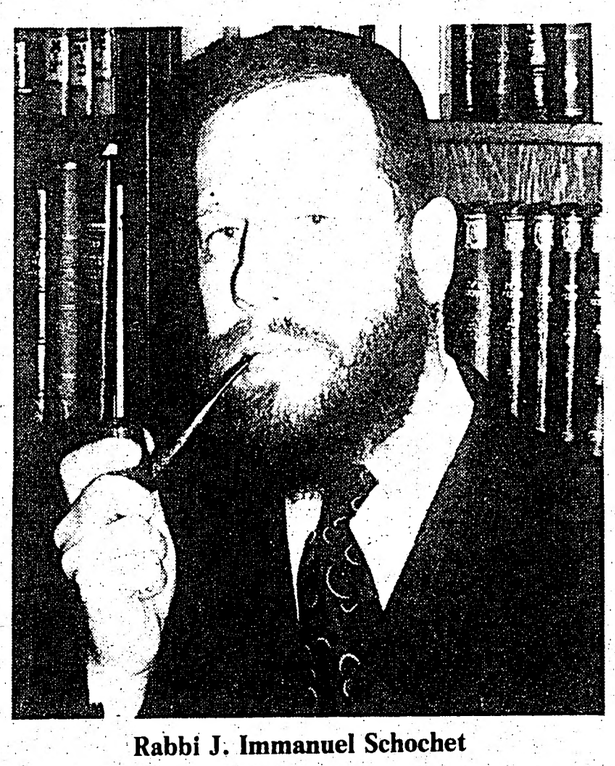
In any event, it maintained that one tribunal was not bound by the decision of another tribunal, even if the cases were identical.

Schochet told The CJN he looked forward to a new hearing, so that he could refute the decision of the quasi-legal tribunal.

He said its 20-page judgment contained "irrelevancies, as well as serious errors of judgment, omissions and misinterpretations."

Schochet, rabbi of the Kielcer Congregation on Bathurst St. for 25 years, said he would challenge the tribunal's contention that enmity between the PLO and Israel was a political rather than a religious confrontation.

"The tribunal does not understand the structure and meaning of Judaism," he said. "They deny there is any special relationship between the Jewish people of Israel and the land of Israel.



Rabbi J. Immanuel Schochet

"They don't comprehend that Jewish law affects every field of life for Jews.

"There's no such thing as politics being outside of religion. For Jews, the code of Jewish law provides guidelines for the whole spectrum of life, whether material or moral.

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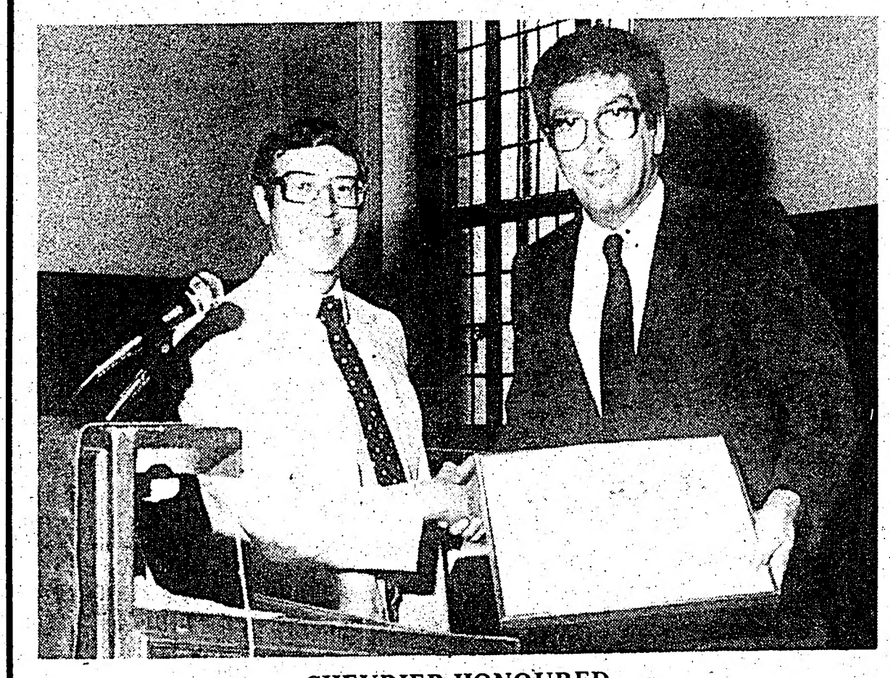

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Israeli experience pays off in rural development

TORONTO —

Israel has established herself as a world leader in successful rural development in terms of food production and modern agricultural technology, Raanan Weitz told a United Jewish Appeal Major Gifts meeting.

Weitz, in Toronto for a brief visit, is chairman of settlements for the Jewish Agency in Israel, which allocates UJA funds for social welfare services and the establishment of rural settlements within the Green Line.

Don Rafelman, 1984 Major Gifts chairman who presided at the meeting, reported that the campaign total is running 30% ahead of last year's regular campaign figures for the same period.

Weitz spoke of the Settlement Study Centre at Rehovot where 60 scholars are looking at ways to integrate a combination of factors covering the various aspects of future development in rural areas — industrial as well as agricultural. He termed it "standing on tiptoe to see over the horizon."

He stated that unlike most Western countries, Israel is in the enviable position of being able to start from scratch "not destroy before we build," in dealing with computer technology and automation.

"The blue collar and assembly line worker disappear," he stated. "Efficiency, high skills and ingenuity will be essential for the workers of the future."

Where Israel has the advantage over other developed nations, Weitz said, is in her 35 years of experience in integrating people of diverse cultures without having lost the essential human element involved in helping them retain their own customs, sense of community and Jewish values in preserving the family and their special heritage.

Weitz sees the pattern of the big city receding in Israel, with differences in the rural and urban environment gradually disappearing. The concept of that environmental change will be "more exciting and revolutionary" than the kibbutz was to Israel's pioneers.

"We need a new kind of Zionism," Weitz concluded, "one that will encourage aliya of young families from the Diaspora. It will be something different to build on while we preserve our roots and foster our continuity."

Co-op helps artists

TORONTO —

A meeting for those who work in the arts and would like to join the non-profit Arcadia Housing Co-operative will be held Oct. 17, 6 p.m. at George Brown College, 200 King St. E., Room 185.

Arcadia is a group working with the Co-operative Housing Federation of Toronto to develop non-profit housing specifically geared to the needs of people working in the arts. This includes artists, performers, and technicians, as well as those working in arts administration and other arts-affiliated fields.

Arcadia will consist of 100 units, ranging in size from one to four bedrooms, and intends to accommodate a mix of families and singles.

The community will be located on Bathurst Quay at Harbourfront, and the projected occupancy date is mid-1985.

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Baker's son has flair for decorating cakes

Lots of smiles as dentists honor Perlmutter family

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity not only honored Dr. Gordon Perlmutter, one of only four members of the Toronto Chapter who has risen to the post of international president, but they honored his wife, Estelle, and his parents as well, recently.

At the fraternity's dinner meeting at Beth Tikvah Congregation last week his parents, Leibish and Freda, occupied a place of honor and all 530 attending gave them a standing ovation.

Leibish Perlmutter, now 84, and his wife operated the Home Bakery on College St. (next to Health Bread) for seven years and later the Flip-Glen Bakery on Dufferin at Glencairn. He still bakes Shabbat challahs for the family.

Dr. Perlmutter, 57, who has practiced in the Dufferin-Glencairn area for 33 years, said it was the example of his parents which led to his commitment to the world-renowned dental fraternity which established the dental school at Hebrew University in Jerusalem and is setting one up at Tel Aviv University.

"My parents insisted that I go to school instead of joining the family business," Dr. Perlmutter said.

However, the future dentist learned quite a lot about the bakery business and decorated his own wedding cake. He has also decorated cakes at conventions of the fraternity.

Among tributes paid to Perlmutter was one from Dr. Ron Bell, president-elect of the Ontario Dental Association, who said his services in mediation were "singular."

"He is of great help to us when we are dealing with governments, particularly now that a new Dental Art is on the horizon," Dr. Bell added.

Dr. Richard Ten Cate, dean of the faculty of dentistry, University of Toronto, and Dr. Ralph Brook, dean at University of Western Ontario, also attended. Dr. Ten Cate praised Alpha Omega for its help in a major reconstruction campaign at the dental school.

He warned that major dental schools in parts of Europe are closing, in Utrecht and in Scandinavia for example, and that the only way to keep the Toronto school going is to keep its academic program strong and to turn it into a major resource centre for all dentists.

"We face great changes in the way dentistry is practiced and a lot of retooling lies ahead," Dean Ten Cate said.

Dr. Sidney Golden noted that Perlmutter has served as president of Toronto Alumni Chapter, Toronto Academy of Dentistry, North Toronto Dental Society, the Crown and Bridge Study Club, senior attendant at Mount Sinai Hospital and Baycrest Hospital, a member of the mediation committees of the Ontario Dental Association and Academy of Dentistry, convention chairman of the Ontario Dental Association, a teacher at faculty of dentistry, U of T, and a Fellow of the International College of Dentists.

Golden showed slides of the Perlmutter family including a memorable one of Gordon and his brother, Ike, a stockbroker in Toronto, in front of the Home Bakery. One family photo taken in the province of Czarna, Poland, showed Gordon as a baby with his great-grandfather, his grandparents, and his parents. His maternal grandfather, Zaida Ubel, was a cattle dealer and also the patriarch of the village of Zeptevitch.

Gordon and Estelle have three children of their own: Phillip, a lawyer, Sharon, who has often worked with her father and spent considerable time in Israel, and Nancy, a graduate in theatre arts.

Perlmutter told of visiting the 24 chapters of Alpha Omega in North America and overseas as international president and said the highlight of the past year was his visits to the clinics the fraternity has established in Israel. "My attendance at a meeting of our chapter in Haifa is an experience I will never forget."

Speaking of his experiences as a mediator in the dental profession, Perlmutter said: "The changes occurring in dentistry to a large extent are not welcome changes."

A member of Alpha Omega for 38 years, he attended 35 consecutive conventions.

Dr. Paul Levin, president of the Toronto Chapter, announced establishment of the Dr. Aaron Posen Scholarship for Clinical Excellence and Creativity in the graduate orthodontics department at University of Toronto. Dr. Posen has taught there for 32 years.

An award honoring the late Dr. Sol Simon, to the undergraduate in senior year best exemplifying scholarship and fraternal spirit, went to Dr. William Frydman.

A presentation establishing a lectureship in the faculty of dentistry honoring the late Dr. Len Gazen was made to Dean Ten Cate by Harold Sheffe.

Dr. Gordon Perlmutter and wife Estelle are flanked by Dr. Paul Levin, left, president of Toronto Alpha Omega, and Dr. David Cowan, regent Alpha Omega.

Bomb threat disrupts Hillel club's dance

LONDON, Ont. —

A student dance sponsored by the Hillel club at the University of Western Ontario was disrupted here last week by a bomb threat.

The dance began at 8 p.m. and at 10.50 p.m. the security office at the university received a phone call about the bomb.

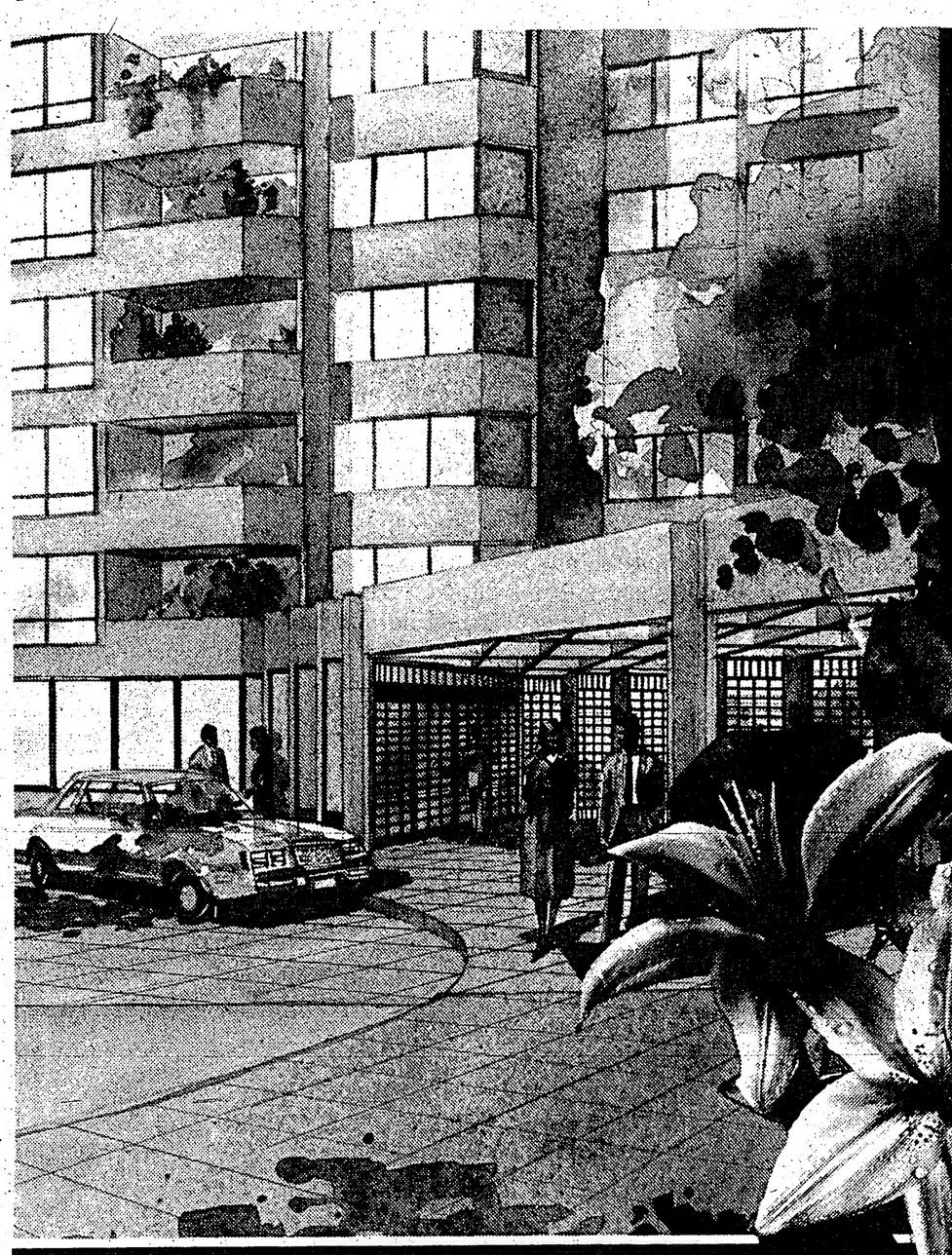
University of Western Ontario security guards and Ontario Provincial Police then ordered students to leave the social function and conducted their search but no bomb was found. No suspects have been arrested for instigating the threat.

According to David Kerzner, a first year student at UWO, this is the first time a bomb threat has disrupted a Jewish social function at the university.

Kerzner, a United Jewish Appeal chairman at Western and a member of Hillel said the dance was Hillel's first social event this semester.

Ironically, before the dance, Hillel held a meeting where members expressed concern over friction which could erupt during the year between them and other community groups on campus.

Kerzner said that in the past Arabs and other students have disrupted Hillel events with plaques and protests. He added that Hillel is informed about anti-Zionist, pro-Palestinian speakers who appear on campus and its members try to attend their lectures so they can present their own viewpoints.



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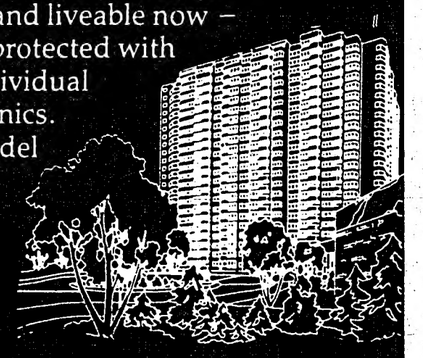

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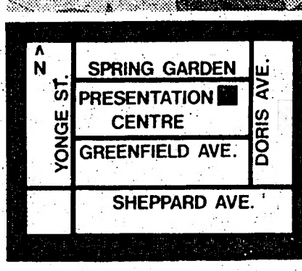

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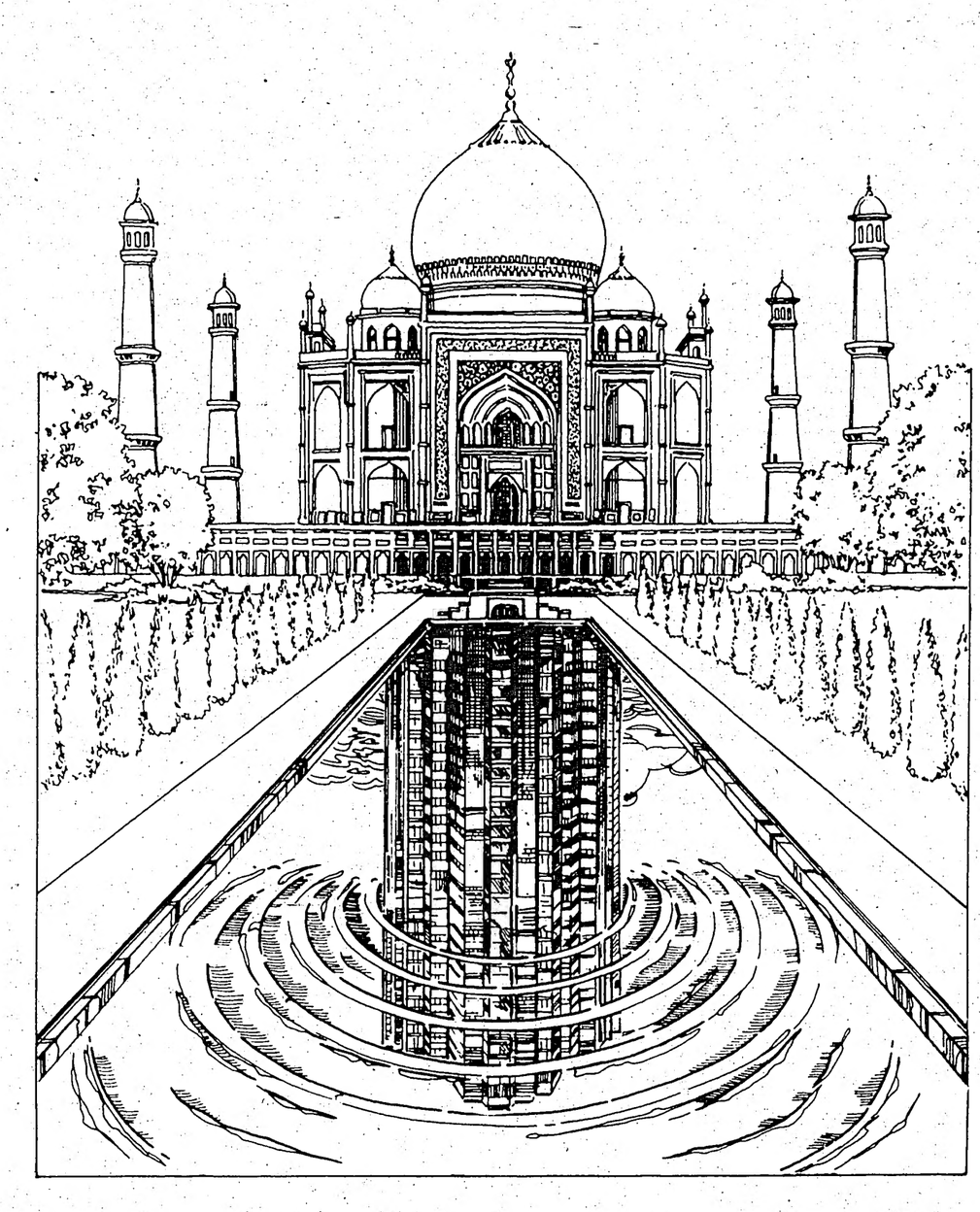

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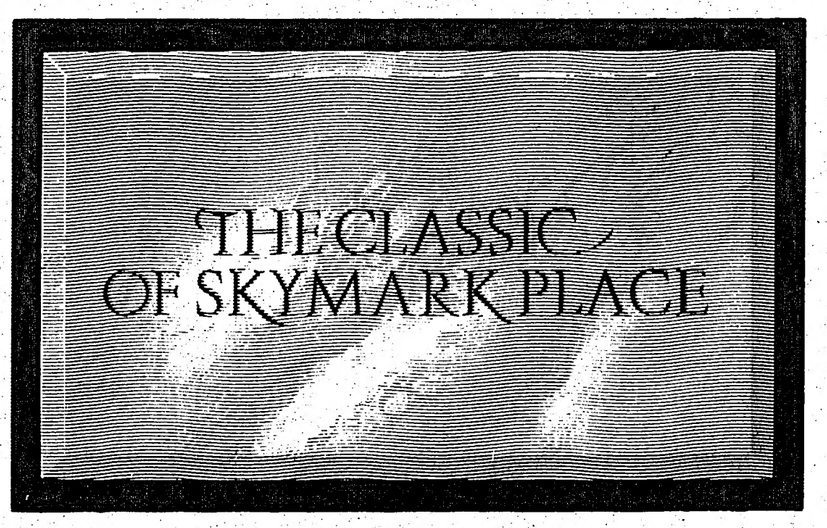

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Pomegranate Guild touts Judaic skills

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —
A pomegranate is a pomegranate is a pomegranate — unless it is a group of people interested in learning more about making textiles for use in connection with Jewish ceremonies and life cycle events.

The name of the organization is The Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Textiles and is taken from the Book of Exodus 39:24-5: "And they made upon the hem of the robe pomegranates of blue and purple and scarlet and twined linen . . . and put bell round about between the pomegranates."

Formed in May, 1982, the Toronto group, which is affiliated with the Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework in New York, was founded by Beverly Colman, Zita Gardner, Temma Gentles and Phyllis Spivak. Their goal was to research and disseminate information about Judaic textiles.

"There appeared to be a gap in the awareness and appreciation of early Judaic skills," says Spivak, "and we believe that emphasis should be given to the study of Jewish ceremonial art, Jewish symbols and designing Hebrew letterforms."

The Pomegranate Guild presents educational programs and workshops with guest speakers and organizes an annual exhibit of members' works to share ideas and to raise their levels of skill.

During the past year, the guild presented five evening programs, two full-day workshops and a 2-month exhibit at the Baycrest Centre's Heritage Museum.

Through the study of sources and symbols in the Bible and Jewish history, the members learn to recreate the ancient as well as the more modern techniques for recognizing and creating Jewish textiles and designs.

Their program also includes how-to workshops on drafting, crocheting, applique, gold and silver threadwork, kippot patterns and tallit designs.

The season's opening meeting of the guild is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 8 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple. Another meeting is scheduled for Nov. 2 in the museum of Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

For membership information write to The Pomegranate Guild, Box 75, Postal Station 2, Toronto M5N 2Z3 or call Beverly Colman, 920-2777 or Zita Gardner at 445-7799.

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Grade 2 pupils of the Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto proudly look on as Janine Kara Fields affixes a mezuza on the door of one of the classrooms in the recently opened Leslie Street education and recreation campus.

Founding members of the Pomegranate Guild display a tallit. From left, Temma Gentles, Beverly Colman, Zita Gardner and Phyllis Spivak.

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"U.S. support of Israel solid"

Sisco predicts a continuing of Soviet violence

Joseph Sisco, left, at an Israel Bonds Testimonial Dinner with Benny Stark, Lou and Dorothy Zeifman, Rabbi Henry Hoschander, Bernard Green and Martin Sable. [Dave Whittaker photo]

TORONTO —

"The shooting down of a Korean passenger plane by the Soviet Union proves that there is a definite duality in Soviet mentality. They are paranoid about their own borders while probing other country's borders," said Joseph Sisco, the under-secretary of state during the presidency of Richard Nixon.

In an address to almost 400 people who had come to honor Dorothy and Lou Zeifman at a State of Israel Bonds testimonial dinner at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, Sisco said: "As for the reaction of the free world to the incident, there is mostly rhetoric rather than action. The event will obviously have impact on the deployment of cruise missiles in Western Europe.

"Our way of life is incompatible with that of Russia and an easy coexistence is difficult to countenance. However, East-West dialogue must continue even though the danger of a confrontation will persist for years to come."

In light of Soviet influence in the Middle East, Sisco noted: "We must be aware that Russia is a relevant factor in the region and violence will continue. It is not in the United States' or Israel's interest to cut and run as they look for a sensible way of getting out of Lebanon. Israel and the U.S. will have to remain in Lebanon until the Syrians and Palestinians leave.

"The United States is there in support of the Lebanese government and must be there until the Lebanese army is capable of maintaining order. There will be intensive negotiations for reconciliation among the warring Lebanese factions to bury animosities," he said.

Sisco said the return of the PLO to Lebanon, backed by Syria, and Assad's readiness to apply force to express his interests, "further complicates the situation . . . We will require military stabilization before we can expect negotiation."

Sisco believes one thing is certain. "American support for Israel will continue. In the aftermath of the Lebanese war, there is greater understanding . . . the Arabs are divided . . . Hussein will proceed cautiously, if at all. Realistically, we can anticipate a continuation of the ugliness prevailing. Neither Israel nor Syria wants an all-out war."

Sisco was principal policy officer and negotiator for Arab-Israeli disputes, and from 1974 to 1976, played a major role in the Middle East shuttle diplomacy which resulted in disengagement agreements between Israel, Egypt and Syria.

Simchat Torah rally set

TORONTO —

A community Simchat Torah rally will be held in Nathan Phillips Square on Sunday, Oct. 2, beginning at 6 p.m.

The event, jointly sponsored by the Council of Professional Youth Advisors and Schlichim and the Committee for Soviet Jewry, Ontario Region, will serve a dual purpose.

First, it will provide a public forum for members of the Jewish community to reaffirm solidarity and commitment in the continuing struggle to reopen the doors to freedom for beleaguered Jews in the Soviet Union and in other countries around the world where our people suffer from oppression and harassment.

Organizers also point out that an important feature of the rally will be "one of joy and celebration of the New Year," with music, dancing and participation by everyone. Providing the music for the festivities will be the Neshama orchestra.

Yiddish topic of talks

WINNIPEG —

Yiddish humor and 1,000 years of Yiddish will be two of the topics at an Oct. 30 gathering here billed as the first Yiddish-English mini-conference in Canada on Yiddish Heritage.

Speakers will include Yiddish linguist Dr. Mordke Schaechter, humorist Sheva Zucker, Winnipeg language expert Dr. Jack Theissen and Rabbi Shalom Rappaport.

Talks will be given in both English and Yiddish.

The conference is organized by the new-generation Group For Yiddish Heritage. It is partially funded by a grant from the Manitoba department of cultural affairs and historical resources and by the Committee on Yiddish Canadian Jewish Congress.

Tickets are $10 for both days.

Seat belt crackdown

TORONTO —

Ontario Provincial Police will begin to crack down on drivers and passengers who don't wear seat belts.

This is the warning from OPP Commissioner James Erskine who says: "There are two ways of getting more people to wear seat belts. They are enforcement and education. . . .

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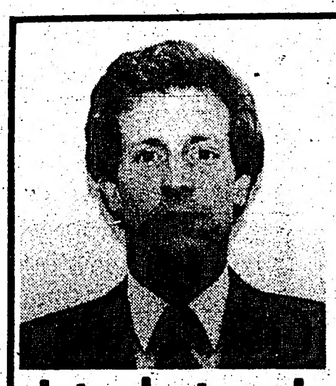
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Judaism must be lived to be appreciated

Jewish life, faith studied at California centre

This is the first of a 2-part series on Jewish educational programs in Los Angeles, by CJN staff writer TAMMY KAROL, who last year attended an introductory weekend for 25- to 35-year-olds at Brandeis Bardin Institute, a Jewish centre of learning in California, and explored the education scene generally.

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LOS ANGELES — Tucked away in the Simi Valley hills north of Los Angeles lies a sprawling 3,200-acre ranch and a $3 million modernistic edifice with classrooms, library and chapel.

The landscape, reminiscent of Mount Scopus, is home of the Brandeis-Bardin Institute, a non-denominational centre to study Jewish philosophy, religion and culture. Its mission is to reacquaint and, in many cases, introduce participants to traditional Jewish life and faith — the assumption being that Judaism must be lived to be appreciated and understood.

An adult education program at Brandeis consists of six to eight introductory weekends yearly, and more than 10 weekend institutes for members of Brandeis' House of the Book Association — people who have become members of the Institute after participating in an introductory weekend for married couples or singles. (Singles weekends are held three times yearly and cost about $150 U.S. for each weekend.)

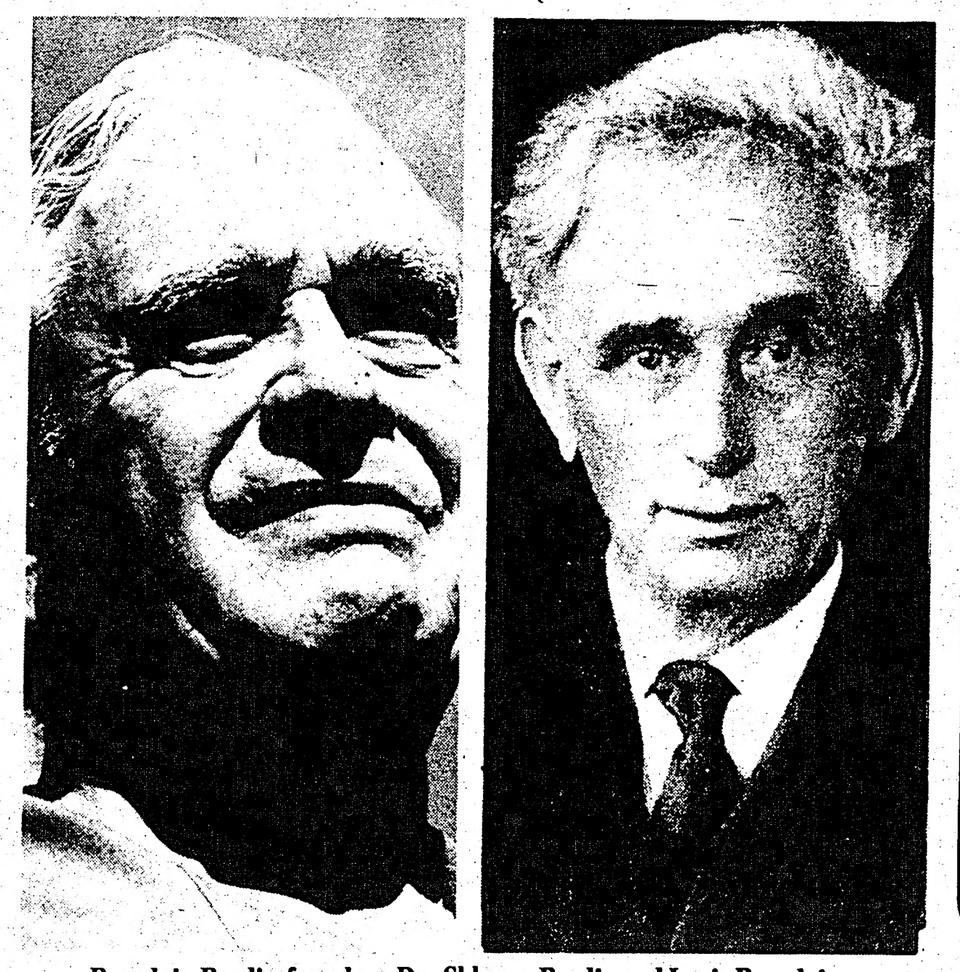
Prominent scholars in residence and clergymen of all denominations are a common feature at a Brandeis weekend. This year speakers included Marvin Tokayer, former rabbi of Tokyo, and Eliahu Nawi, mayor of Beersheba.

Started in 1949 by the late Shlomo Bardin, a Ukrainian educator, with the support of Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis, the Brandeis-Bardin Institute combines the philosophy of a Danish folk school, an American summer camp and an Israeli kibbutz. Participants study and engage in activities together.

Since Bardin's death in 1976, Brandeis has been run by Dennis Prager, a flamboyant Jewish evangelist who is a former Fellow of Columbia University's School of International Affairs. Aiding him is Joseph Telushkin, a mild-mannered rabbi who received his ordination from Yeshiva University.

Both men have been friends since high school and have co-authored the text: Nine Questions People Ask About Judaism.

They have just written another book: Why the Jews? The Reason for the World's Greatest Hatred, which was published this summer by Simon and Schuster.



Brandeis-Bardin founders Dr. Shlomo Bardin and Louis Brandeis.

At the end of the weekend I attended, many of the participants at Brandeis said they were strengthened with a new affirmation of Judaism. But a few were put off by Prager's bold rhetoric and felt intimidated in exploring their faith.

This is understandable.

Prager, a tall, hefty 35-year-old is confident of his moral authority. He chides those Jews who give more weight to religious customs than to the spiritual and ethical quality of their lives... and does not hesitate to insult them.

The labels don't matter to Prager. He's seen a lot of Orthodox Jews who go to synagogue "out of habit."

Not wishing to be typecast as Orthodox, Conservative or Reform, Prager calls himself "reversedox" — in other words non-denominational.

He believes that one way of combatting ignorance about Judaism is an intense immersion into the whys rather than the hows of the religion.

Prager was himself turned off by Judaism in his school days, because the ethical basis of his faith was neglected and never explained to him.

But he became a baal techuva (returnee to the faith) after traveling to over 60 countries and studying other religions and cultures.

"Even if God does not exist, Judaism is the best way to live a fulfilling life and achieve universal moral ends," Prager proclaims today.

"There are two choices for mankind," he states dogmatically, "ethical monotheism (worship of God) or ethical totalitarianism (worship of man.)"

It is his belief that the Jewish mission is to bring the world to ethical monotheism, for "only when humanity recognizes universal morality based on a universal God can universal peace and love be recognized."

Moral approach not new

Prager's moral approach to Judaism is not new. But he feels it is a rational and intellectual approach which will appeal specifically to youth.

"I am doing for the 80s what Bardin did for the 40s," he said in an interview in his Los Angeles home.

The director of Brandeis has taken his gospel on ethical monotheism to college campuses across the U.S. and in 1981 he and Telushkin presented it to Pope John Paul II on a Vatican radio program about Christian-Jewish ties.

This fall Prager is making a trip to Israel where he has been accepted as a Jerusalem Fellow by the Institute for Israel. This is a 3-year educational program for Jewish leaders in the Diaspora. He plans to use his fellowship to complete a doctorate in Jewish history at Columbia University.

It is doubtful if Telushkin will return to Brandeis this fall and there are no plans at present to hire a new educational director.

Prager will be replaced by Dr. Ronald Brauner, a former dean and director at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia.

During the summer, Prager was busy running two other Brandeis programs — a children's camp for 8- to 16-year-olds and a youth leadership curriculum for college students, 19-25. The latter program, known as Brandeis Camp Institute, is an intense 6-week summer immersion into Judaism, often lasting daily from 6 a.m. to midnight.

Challenged intellectually and emotionally, BCI participants discuss such issues as the foundations of religious belief and intermarriage. Guest lecturers visit BCI yearly and this summer's visitor was Dr. David Weiss, head of the department of immunology at Hebrew University.

Participants come from all over the world and one young Torontonian in his mid-20s attended a BCI session this summer.

According to Naomi Vineberg, of Montreal, who attended the BCI in 1981, "Brandeis challenges your value system... It has given me a form of Judaism compatible with my lifestyle. The whys of Judaism were never really explained to me until I attended Brandeis."

Brandeis did not make Vineberg an Orthodox Jew but after her sessions at BCI she went back to Montreal to complete a Jewish law course at Concordia University.

Miriam Swadron of Toronto, attended the 1980 and 1981 BCI sessions and although always Orthodox, she said "I never experienced the sense of a close Jewish community until I went to Brandeis."

For more information on Brandeis call (213) 348-7201 or (805) 526-1131 or write Brandeis-Bardin Institute, Brandeis, Calif. 93064.

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Partners called "backbone of campaign"

Seniors dynamic duo help fill coffers of UIA

By
MOURA WOLPERT

ST. CATHARINES —

A couple of oldtimers who don't mind being unpopular when they go fund raising have been giving the St. Catharines United Israel Appeal campaign a big boost.

They are Mort Revzen and Kelly Granek, elder statesmen of the St. Catharines Jewish community, who have long made it their business to see to it that the community contributes its rightful share to the campaign.

And they've been at it again this year . . . cheerfully helping campaign chairman Mark Newman wherever a little extra prodding is needed.

At 83 Revzen is senior partner of the team, "backbone of the campaign" and described by Granek as "the most respected gentleman in this community and an ardent supporter of Israel. Mr. Revzen is of the school who thought it was an honor and a privilege to work on behalf of Israel."

His reticence and gentle demeanor belie a steely determination and amazing energy and no one here, so goes the story, "dares to refuse Mr. Revzen."

He arrived here in 1923 at the age of 21, the son of a shochet in Minsk, to join his sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Benny Newman, and ever since he's been active in the community and his shul, Congregation B'nai Israel.

Revzen made the first of his six or seven trips to Israel as early as 1950 and recalls that "when the plane stopped, I thought my heart would fall out!" He sent his three daughters to Israel, hoping that perhaps one would stay "so that we would have family in Israel," but was gratified when, on his 70th birthday, they and their families established a kindergarten in Jerusalem in his honor.

Today he lives quietly with his wife, still active in his business, where he makes all financial decisions.

No less energetic when it comes to fund raising is 70-year-old Granek, under whose chairmanship the 1974 and 1975 campaigns achieved St. Catharines' highest total ever.

His main concern, he explains, is "continuation of leadership and to create an atmosphere in this community where people will aspire to and seek out the job of the UIA campaign, . . . not the job seeking the man."

The retired president of an auto parts company that was amongst the victims of higher interest rates, Granek is a former Hamiltonian who moved to St. Catharines when he married his wife Anna. His brother was the late Sol Granek, former director of UIA of Canada in Jerusalem and, with Mort Revzen, was one of the only two St. Catharines Negev Dinner honorees.

Granek's two daughters "saw Israel before I did," he confesses but he's made up with two lengthy trips since then. The couple also recently established a perpetual scholarship at the Hebrew University in memory of Anna's late mother, Sadie Zet.

The St. Catharines campaign has been severely affected by the economic recession "and business people are hurting," Granek points out. "But there should be people to pull up the slack until the recovery," he says and it has been his and Revzen's task to canvass these people.

"We must try and bring the community together and try and overcome the lethargy and rejuvenate the leadership," says Granek, adding that the first step has been taken with the formation of an ad hoc committee.

And recalling the days when man used to try and outbid one another with their contributions, they now sadly deplore a situation where, as Revzen puts it, "you need a little pogromchik" before you give to Israel.

Mort Revzen, left, and Kelly Granek, the grand "old-young" men behind the United Israel Appeal campaign in St. Catharines.

Rabbi wants to bridge gap

OSHAWA —

Rabbi Menachem Gopin, national executive director of the Mizrachi Organization of Canada, noted here last week that a recent survey found more than 60% of all Israelis feel religion is an important factor in their lives.

"Yet very few consider themselves truly religious," he said. "The priority then is to bridge the gap between thought and action. Mizrachi is doing this most successfully through its yeshivot in Israel.

"A primary example of this," he added, "is the Yeshivot Hesder, where young men both serve in the armed forces of Israel while they take time off to study at a yeshiva."

More than 75 people came out for selichot services here to hear a panel discussion headed by Gopin. Other speakers were CJN columnist J. B. Salsberg and Rabbi Baruch Taub of Toronto's Beth Avrahom Yaacov Congregation.

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Gopin will be officially introduced as Mizrachi's new national executive director at a melave malke gathering Oct. 22 at Toronto's Bnai Torah Congregation on Patricia Ave.

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Arts

Daniel inspired by Rosenberg trial

Lumet film illustrates 30 churning years in America

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

A bearded Timothy Hutton is joined by his wife, Ellen Barkin and family friends as he buries his sister in Daniel.

Julius and Ethel Rosenberg have become symbolic figures since their execution in the electric chair 30 years ago.

Convicted of conspiracy to pass atomic secrets to the Soviet Union, the Rosenbergs were dispatched to their deaths at the height of the Cold War and McCarthyist hysteria.

The right condemned them as hateful Soviet spies, while the left pictured them as innocent martyrs who were framed by a witch-hunting government.

According to a new, explosive book on the case, The Rosenberg File. A Search for Truth, both sides may have been right. Authors Ronald Radosh and Joyce Milton conclude that Julius was guilty of spying and that Ethel, though convicted on tainted evidence, was almost certainly his accomplice.

Sidney Lumet, the noted director, has reconstructed their story in Daniel, now playing in Toronto. Based on E. L. Doctorow's 1971 novel, The Book of Daniel, Lumet's film was finished before the publication of the Rosenberg File, which may compel historians to revise their views on the controversy.

Daniel, Lumet's 31st film, is not historically accurate, and the characters in it are fictitious. But make no mistake about it: Daniel was inspired by the Rosenberg trial.

The screenplay, written by Doctorow, revolves around the lives of Paul and Rochelle Isaacson — the fictional Rosenbergs — and their two children, Daniel and Susan.

Filmed in a flash / forward / flash backward impressionistic style, Daniel unfolds through the eyes of the Isaacson's brooding son.

An aloof graduate student who wants to forget the past, Daniel (Timothy Hutton) is sucked into the vortex of his parents' history by his sister, Susan (Amanda Plummer).

Susan, who has experimented with religion, sex, drugs and revolution, is tormented by their execution. She is convinced they were put to death on trumped-up charges.

Her obsession with their lives impels her into mental instability and, this, in turn, prompts Daniel to investigate the Isaacsons' history.

Embarking on a voyage of self-discovery, Daniel relives his responses as a child and now as an adult to his parents' trial and death. In doing so, the film depicts three decades of American dissent — from the Depression and World War II to the McCarthy period and the anti-war movement of the 1960s.

Without a doubt, Lumet — the director of such productions as The Pawnbroker, Serpico, Network and Prince of the City — is sympathetic to the Isaacsons.

By inference, Lumet leaves the impression that the Isaacsons may well have been victims of the Cold War.

Paul (Mandy Patinkin) is portrayed as a smart, intense, cynical Russophile and dedicated Marxist. Rochelle (Lindsay Crouse) worships at the same altar, but she is less involved than her husband and must constantly fend off harsh criticism, in Yiddish, from her mother.

Lumet doesn't see the Isaacsons as naive, innocent babes in the wood. They knew what they were doing and the beliefs they shared were not transitory. But Lumet, through the mouths of his characters, infers that the Isaacsons might have met a far different fate had they been convicted a decade or so later.

The film is set in New York City between the years 1938 and the late 1960s, when American society was convulsed by economic turmoil, war, post-war paranoia and upheaval caused by the conflict in Vietnam.

Recreating these diverse eras with unfailing accuracy and empathy, Lumet and cinematographer Andrzej Bartkowiak move from campus picket lines and Sunday afternoon political picnics to intimate family gatherings around a phonograph and angry demonstrations on behalf of the imprisoned Isaacsons.

There are powerful moments in Daniel: the dinner-table confrontation pitting Daniel against Susan, the courtroom scene in which the Isaacsons' lawyer fails to convince the judge that the trial is not about their political convictions, the death chamber cameo where Rochelle meets her children, then embraces her warden before she is seated in the electric chair, and the burial of Susan.

The accomplished cast is headed by Timothy Hutton, the shaggy, bearded dropout who exorcises the demons in his mind.

The performances by Mandy Patinkin and Lindsay Crouse are convincing, and Edward Asner, the Lou Grant of TV Land is solid in the role of attorney Jacob Ascher.

Amanda Plummer is suitably troubled and, finally, demented by the burden she carries, while John Rubinstein, the son of the famous concert pianist, is fine as the adoptive parent of Daniel and Susan.

In its totality, Daniel is probably one of the best films of the year — a troubling, disturbing portrait of a family torn asunder by politics.

One may quibble with some of Lumet's methods, his insistence, for example, in repeating the execution motif throughout the movie. But one may forgive him his little indulgences, considering the superior quality of the product as a whole.

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Arts

Moreno cancels BB concert

Orwell documentary highlights CBC radio season

music

By RICK KARDONNE

Who was the first major writer to expose the plight of Jews living in Arab lands, 10 years prior to the founding of the State of Israel?

The man, whose name is synonymous with the year 1984, George Orwell, will be the object of a 5-year radio documentary to be a highlight of CBC's new season.

George Orwell, the alias for Eric Blair, author of two of the three best-known mid-20th century satire-novels on modern totalitarianism, 1984 and Animal Farm, also wrote the essay Marrakech, which, seen now, is of extreme importance to anybody seeking a true comprehension of the background of today's Mideast.

In describing the forced degradation of Moroccan Jewry and the racism suffered at the hands of both the Arabs and poorer Europeans, Orwell definitively disproved, back in 1938 when it was written, the Arab propaganda myth that Sephardic Jews in Arab lands were well treated by the Arab majority and that only the creation of Israel created problems.

It is fervently hoped that the CBC, which has upstaged the BBC by being the first English-language radio service to produce what very might well be the definite radio documentary on Orwell, will emphasize his essay on Marrakech.

Another feature this year will be the increasing Canadianization of As it Happens. By concentrating more on national events as opposed to world events, according to information released at the annual CBC radio press conference held at the Sutton Place Hotel, As it Happens will much more be fulfilling its original mandate to serve the grassroots Canadian public.

In the realm of music, CBC will feature another season of live concerts from St. Lawrence CentreStage beginning Oct. 11 on Arts National. Among the performers will be Yuval Fichman playing Beethoven's Pathetique Sonata on Nov. 29. For further information call Linda Littwick at 925-3311 - extension 3486.

The excellent religion-oriented series Celebration, which last season presented several dignified, high quality Jewish - subject programs featuring the works of Ben Steinberg, promises to present more this coming season, although no details are yet available. Winnipeg's Eric Friesen will be overseeing this series.

The "Live from Roy Thomson Hall" series features celebrated Bach pianist Rosalyn Tureck Oct. 9 playing the Italian Concerto and D Minor Concerto.

On Oct. 16 you can hear Soviet defector violinist Victoria Mullova, accompanied by pianist Jonathan Feldman.

Leonard Rose on cello is joined by violinist Oscar Shunsky on Jan. 1, and violinist Henryk Szerying performs Feb. 26.

Yehudi Menuhin is slated for April 29 and Jeanne Baxtresse will be recorded live on May 13. For further information also contact Linda Littwack.

These are just a few of the high quality programs slated for CBC radio this coming season, ushering in 1984.

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One performer who will not be seen live at Roy Thomson Hall in the near future is Rita Moreno, who has cancelled her concert appearance Oct. 11 [with ace comedian David Brenner opening for her] as the main attraction of the Leonard Mayzel B'nai B'rith benefit concert.

Assuming that Moreno, star of the movie version of West Side Story and both stage and movie versions of The Ritz, is not seriously ill, this cancellation is inexcusable. A commitment of this sort, especially for a charitable function, once made, must be honored.

Such irresponsibility, it is hoped, is the exception rather than the rule among major showbiz personalities who might be engaged for such occasions.

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Myron Cohen performs at the Royal York Imperial Room with Rosemary Clooney from Sept. 27 to Oct. 8.

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All of North American Jewry, in order to fully discover our recent roots, needs Beth Anne Cole. As the Yiddish folksingers have spotlighted the East European pre-Holocaust sphere, the Toronto-born, London-nurtured Cole has carefully studied and wonderfully brought to life the evolution and imprint of Yiddish music on to the North American popular music scene.

This unique role played by Cole can be seen in her current 1-woman show at Harper's, 38 Lombard St., until Oct. 8.

It features the music of the composer - lyricist singularly most responsible for building the bridge between East European Yiddishkeit and the then-nascent American pop scene — Irving Berlin, and one of the most prominent disciples, Harold Arlen.

Berlin blended the street-wise folk-idiom of the shtetl with that of Black American ragtime, and thus set the standard for a unique sound which was to be the dominant force in American popular music until the early 50s.

Not only was this blend obvious in ragtime classics as Puttin' on the Ritz and Alexander's Ragtime Band, but was incorporated into new, imaginative heights in more plaintive ballads which meld the blues with minor-key Jewish-liturgical-based soaring cadences, such as the powerful Suppertime which sounds like a definite inspiration for the Gershwin brothers in Porgy and Bess.

Arlen, son of a cantor, wrote the music for Stormy Weather, The Wizard of Oz and many other classic ballads, with Johnny Mercer as lyricist.

There simply is no better interpreter of this golden tradition than Cole, whose pert sophistication strikes an admirably uneasy tension vis-a-vis an authentic sense of vulnerability.

Her Sadie Cohn-Salome Yiddish-rag is delightfully captivating. But her interpretation of that Berlin classic of being deserted, Suppertime, is heart-wrenching.

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Sharon Krause, first-prize winner in the 1976 CBC Talent Competitons and the 1975 Canada Music Competition, opens the CBC 5th annual Free Noon Hour Concert Series Oct. 6 at Church of the Holy Trinity. She will perform pieces by Rachmaninoff, Beethoven, Lizst and Mendelssohn.

On Oct. 13, York Winds oboist Lawrence Cherney, who has toured Israel, and Deer Park United organist William Wright, team up for a concert of baroque and 19th-century music. This will be followed by the string quintet Accordes, Oct. 20.

On Oct. 27 flautist Suzanne Shulman and harpsichordist Douglas Bodle present a program of baroque music. The duo has recorded all the Bach sonatas for the CBC, and their program will include sonatas by Bach, Handel, Leclair and Telemann.

Each concert will be recorded live for broadcast on Music Around Us, heard Saturdays at 10.05 p.m. on CBC-FM.

Portrait artist will offer landscape, still life exhibit

TORONTO — Eva Prager, the Montreal artist whose portraits include Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and Rudolph Nureyev, will present an exhibition of landscape and still life paintings at the Gallery Jarmain Oct. 1 through Oct. 21.

The daughter of noted artist Joseph Oppenheimer, Prager was born in Berlin and educated at the Royal College of Art, London, Academy of Fine Arts, Berlin and L'Ecole Paul Colin, Paris.

She became interested in portraiture early in her career and has received commissions from around the world.

Prager's portraits are in the permanent collections of the Palais de Justice, Montreal; Trinity College, Port Hope, Ont.; Dalhousie University, Halifax; the Supreme Court of Canada, Ottawa and the Maritime Museum, Leningrad.

For more than 15 years the fifth generation artist has painted cards for the Unitarian service committee to help raise funds for the world's hungry children. One of her portraits of a small boy brought in $50,000 to the committee.

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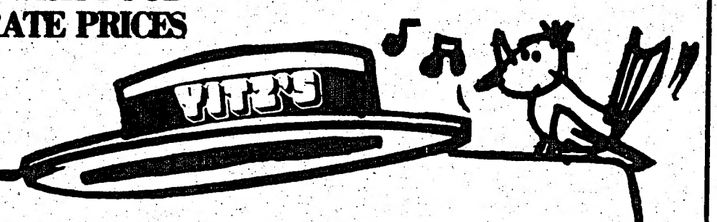

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Arts

Revelations of Holocaust become obsession to son

By
ARNOLD AGES

Le Ciniquieme Fils [The Fifth Son], by Elie Wiesel. Grasset.

Elie Wiesel, the novelist-laureate of the Jewish people, and a recent Nobel prize nominee has, in his latest work, created a powerful and intensely moving book about the major issues that have been lacerating the Jewish people, and mankind, since the Holocaust.

Like all great novels with a universalist bent, Wiesel's oeuvre is rooted in a particularistic ethos. In this case it is the milieu inhabited by Holocaust survivors and their families in the New York City area.

Ariel Tamiroff is the sensitive son of Reuven Tamiroff. When we meet the young Tamiroff his mother has just been sent to a clinic in upstate New York to be treated for an unnamed terminal disease.

Ariel has been raised in an atmosphere of religious piety and is conversant with the sancta of Judaism. He is, moreover, knowledgeable about matters biblical and historical. While not members of any ultra Orthodox chassidic groups within the Brooklyn enclave which they call home, both father and son are respectful of the religious norms adopted by their neighbors.

Reuven Tamiroff is a man with many complexes. A student of ancient Latin philosophy who works at the New York Public Library, Tamiroff senior is reluctant to reveal to his son the wartime memories which are so much a part of his psychological being.

Ariel's inquisitive nature will not be stilled by his father's silences and he prevails upon family friends, especially Bontchek, to disclose details about his father's experiences during the Holocaust.

The story emerges in snippets as Ariel begins to piece together a saga of awesome and terrifying poignancy.

After fighting for the Polish army against the invading Nazis in 1939, Reuven Tamiroff returns to his home and wife. Soon the tiny Jewish community of Davarowsk is caught up in the vortex of the Nazi murder machine.

A ghetto is erected to contain the town's Jews and Reuven is chosen as president of the small collective.

The SS officer in charge of the ghetto, Richard Lander, (nicknamed "The Angel") becomes in Wiesel's novel, a kind of minor league composite of Josef Mengele, Adolf Eichmann and Rudolf Hoess — Nazis associated with the Auschwitz concentration camp.

Lander's brutality is masked by an outward show of gentility but the ghetto dwellers soon learn that their fate is sealed. SS troops begin to execute the ghetto victims. Lander, in one gruesome scene, calls upon the Jews to worship him on Yom Kippur.

Reuven Tamiroff realizes that his role as president is nothing more than that of facilitator for the murder squads. He tenders his resignation and as a consequence of this courageous act the other members of his council are executed. Tamiroff indicates in a retrospective judgment of his act that he wished he had not been so courageous.

Miraculously, Tamiroff survives the war, obsessed with guilt, like so many other survivors for having lived while most died.

He tells his son, however, that his greatest regret is having participated in a post-war act of vengeance against Richard Lander.

Ariel Tamiroff learns also that he had a brother, the first Ariel who perished in the Holocaust.

The revelations of his father about his wartime suffering, the death of a brother and the confession about the mesured execution of Richard Lander cause Ariel to plumage into his own obsession about the man who caused so much personal grief to his father and people.

He resolves to become an expert on Richard Lander and with the help of his girl friend Lisa, Ariel compiles mounds of documentation about the wartime SS officer who helped implement the "final solution."

One day while examining some magazine articles Ariel discovers a startling thing: Lander is not dead. He is alive and well living in a German city where he enjoys prominence as a wealthy businessman and philanthropist.

Ariel decides to visit Wolfgang Berger (Lander) at his home base in Rehastadt and confront the former SS man with the crimes he had committed. Much of Wiesel's narrative is taken up with a description of Ariel's state of mind as he approaches the German town where Berger-Lander resides.

It would be indiscrete to reveal the details about the dramatic encounter which ensues except to say that there is an hallucinatory quality about Wiesel's prose that draws the reader into its web.

The title of Wiesel's riveting novel, The Fifth Son, is based on a section of the Passover haggadah. There are four sons described therein. One is wise, one is impious, a third is innocent and the fourth does not know even how to pose questions.

Wiesel's fifth son is Ariel Tamiroff, the quintessential child of the Holocaust survivor who must go through his own particular hell before he gets the answers to questions which are too horrible even to be asked. And yet they must be asked.

Wiesel uses the novel to probe deeply into one of the most vexing of all the questions. Does vengeance reside with man or is it only a prerogative of God?

Wiesel is clearly on the side of those who eschew vengeance, even against those who have murdered millions. As one of the people says in the debate: "God may wish to punish but let him not choose me as his whip."

There are those who will find in Elie Wiesel's latest, and in some ways, most perturbing work, a gentle reproach against the kind of obsession which animates a man like Simon Wiesenthal, the Nazi hunter.

Wiesel's novel seeks a new ground for coming to grips with the Jewish past. For him the foundation must rest on respect for those Jewish values which promote love of God and man. Vengeance, however much it appears justifiable, has no place in Wiesel's canon.

Artist uses flowers to record feelings

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

TORONTO —

Vera Fischer Kagan paints flowers — not static, pretty picture blooms — but singing, dancing, blowing-in-the-wind flowers. Her watercolors, on exhibition at the Civic Garden Centre of Edward Gardens, until Oct. 10, are vibrant declarations of the artist's obsession with beauty.

"I try to record the feelings I have about things I consider beautiful. That's why I use flowers; they sing to me. Other people use barns." And Kagan adds, "I cannot sing or play an instrument. I do it with my paints."

She responds to flowers from her garden ... walks through parks. There is freshness and spontaneity in her work. The impressionistic paintings communicate many moods.

Wildflowers, in yellows, greens, pinks and mauves, express springtime exhilaration.

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Born in Hungary, she is a graduate of Central Technical School and was employed for 10 years by the Metropolitan Toronto Library Board as a graphic artist.

She has exhibited at various group shows, and in November will be represented at the O'Keefe Centre and Beth Tikvah.

Awarded first prize for painting in the 1980 Beth Tikvah art show, she was the recipient of an Ontario Arts Council grant to assist in mounting her 1-woman exhibition at the Civic Garden Centre, 777 Lawrence Ave. E. at Leslie.

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Leisure Pleasures

By VIVIENNE MUHLING 481–6434

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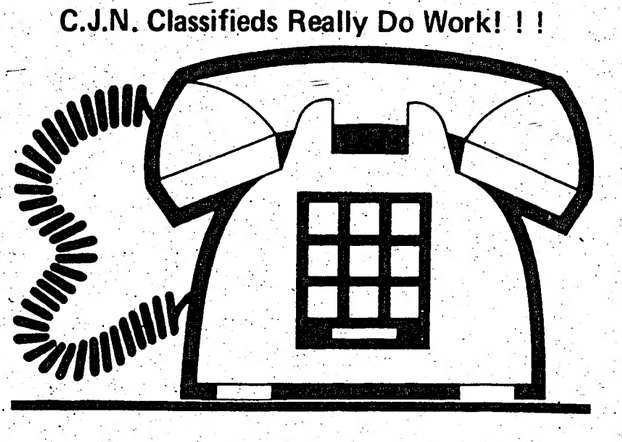

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SINGIN' IN THE RAIN

Cast of The World Needs Love, a Heritage Players musical opening Oct. 2 at the Wagman Centre, includes clockwise from top, Sylvia Gurmson, Esther Mainemer, Sue Smith, Rose Ziman and Ethel Sprachman. [Ben Lechtman photo]

Entre Nous studies marriage splits

It is 1942, in France, and the Nazis are on the rampage all across Europe. Lena, a Jewish woman, is in internment camp near Italy. So is Isaac, who will marry her.

On his initiative, they meet and, trudging through knee-high snow of a mountain pass, make their way to safety in Italy.

In far more comfortable surroundings, Madeleine, a French middle-class Catholic, frolics with her fiance whom she is about to wed. Both are art students. Tragedy strikes and he dies in her arms.

Ten years later, in Lyon, Lena and Madeleine, having settled down as housewives, meet by accident at their children's school. The story of their unusual relationship unfolds in Entre Nous, shown recently at the Toronto Festival of Festivals.

Produced by Ariel Zeitoun and directed by Diane Kurys, Entre Nouse is a carefully-modulated study, if you will, of the breakup of two marriages on the rock of Lena's and Madeleine's deeply-felt friendship.

What the women have most in common is boredom and the feeling they are stuck in a rut. Neither Lena nor Madeleine are particularly happy with their husbands. Michel, Lena's spouse, is an ordinary man, a garage owner. (He has changed his name from Isaac to Michel.)

Costa, Madeleine's husband, is an unsuccessful actor and unaccomplished black marketeer.

Against the backdrop of Lyon, a provincial city, Lena and Madeleine cement an association that eventually ruins their respective marriages.

Isabelle Huppert, looking quite matronly, portrays Lena. With her immobile features and docile personality, Huppert is the epitome of a woman who has lost her way but doesn't necessarily know how to get back on track.

Miou-Miou, as Madeleine, brings to her role the introspective, rebellious spirit of a repressed housewife. With her attractive sharp features, Miou-Miou stands out in the part.

The husbands come through with good performances. Jean-Pierre Bacri is the stolid bourgeois breadwinner to whom Lena cannot relate. Guy Marchand, as Costa, is Madeleine's accepting schlemiel of a husband.

Like many women, Lena and Madeleine finally rebel when they realize that they cannot bear the monotonous tone of their lives, as exemplified by their husbands.

To her credit, Diane Kurys does not denigrate the men, and they are seen in a sympathetic light. This is understandable, possibly because Entre Nous is biographical.

There is a lingering bittersweet quality about Entre Nous which a viewer may well find compelling. Yet Entre Nous is not a riveting film. It lags in places, and one sometimes wonders if there is any real basis for the attraction between Lena and Madeleine.

On balance, however, it is an acceptable film, exploring as it does the formation and dissolution of disparate relationships. — S.K.

Tom Jones will tour 18 cities in October; Shawction ends season

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE —

The acclaimed Shaw Festival production of Tom Jones by Sir Edward German, adapted by Christopher Newton and Sky Gilbert from the novel by Henry Fielding, will tour major centres throughout Ontario.

The show will be in Guelph's Ross Hall on Oct. 5, and in Barrie's Georgian College Theatre on Oct. 6 and 7.

From there it goes to North Bay's Capital Theatre on Oct. 8 and Sault Ste. Marie's White Pines Auditorium on Oct. 9.

There will be performances at Kingston's Grand Theatre on Oct. 16 and 17, and in Orillia's Opera House on Oct. 20.

The tour will then continue at the Oakville Centre on Oct. 22 and 23, the Waterloo Centre for the Arts on Oct. 25 and the Althouse College at the University of Western Ontario on Oct. 27.

A final performance will be held at Chatham's Cultural Centre on Oct. 28.

In all, the tour will cover 18 cities. It has been made possible through grants from the touring office of the Canada Council and the Ontario Arts Council.

Directed by Christopher Newton, co-directed and choreographed by Robert Ainsle, with set and costume design by Peter Wingate, Tom Jones is the 18th century tale of a hot-blooded young man of unknown parentage who discovers love and opportunity on the road to London.

The touring cast will include Bruce Clayton in the title role of Tom and Valerie Galvin as the lovely Sophia. Musical director is Christopher Donison.

Meanwhile, the final gala event of the Shaw Festival season, "Shawction 83" is scheduled for Oct. 13 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Toronto.

Shawction 83 is the Shaw Festival's sixth annual travel auction and will feature bids to exotic destinations including Portugal and the Seychelles Islands. Other items on the auction block include a private chateau in France, a villa in Spain, a private Lear Jet to the Masters Golf Tournament, and even a kiss from Kandu the killer whale.

The evening will include a cocktail reception and silent auction, elegant candlelight dinner and a live auction chaired by auctioneer Homer J. Stephens, with over $130,000 worth of prizes up for bid.

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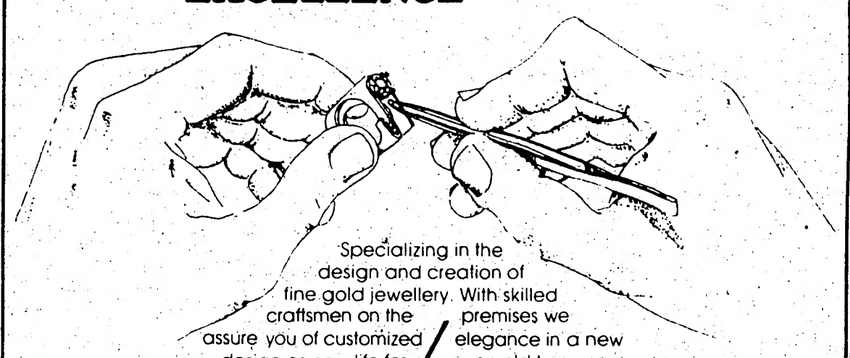

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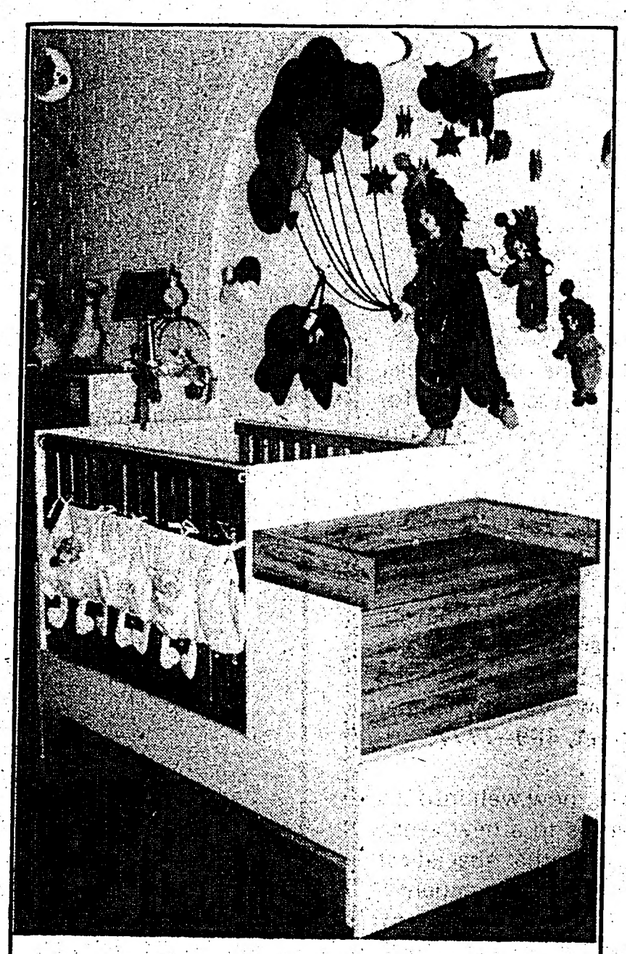

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Disney World tops tourists' list

Florida's favorites all within striking distance of Miami

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

MIAMI —

You have heard there is plenty to see in Florida, and much of the sightseeing can be within a day's travel from Miami. In fact Miami's popularity has brought a variety of 1-day excursions in every direction from the city.

You can choose from driving your own car, taking a package bus tour or even flying or boating to another Florida location for the day. Here are a few of the possibilities for one-day excursions:

Likely to be the most popular will be a day at either Disney World or the new Epcot Centre, adjoining attractions at Orlando. However, be warned, that one day will not be enough to do either attraction properly, but will give you a look.

There are a number of bus operators with tours to the Orlando theme parks with American Sightseeing Tours, Miami, and Greyhound Lines each charging about $50 (U.S. funds) which includes admission and some extras to either attraction.

Or if you don't like to travel so much by bus, there are 1-day packages by air, one of which by Air South for US$99 includes round-trip flight, pickup by limousine from hotel, admission to either attraction, continental breakfast, and unlimited use of most games and rides with a 1-day passport to Disney World or Epcot Centre.

Pan American Airlines this season has 14 daily hourly flights between Miami and Orlando at US$29 1-way cabin class. You have to get to the airports on your own, and get your own admissions.

About an hour's drive south of Miami is Everglades National Park, a protected wilderness area covering some 2,000 square miles. It is possible in a 1-day trip to take guided tours and airboat rides or travel by yourself on the park's nature trails. Admission is US$2 per car.

You can also take a package tour from Miami to the Everglades, such as the one of American Sightseeing Tours which has a 1-day Everglades safari including a 30-minute air boat ride for US$23.

South of Miami are the Florida Keys which you can drive to all the way to Key West, out in the Atlantic Ocean.

You can't visit them all in one day. But you can get to Key West and return by Air South Charter Service at US$99 per person. That includes pickup by limousine from your hotel and return, return flight with a full view of the stretch of islands and highway over the waters, a day in historic Key West, a boat trip and time for shopping in this farthest south town in the United States.

By bus you can make the approximately 170-mile trip in each direction in a day, with time for sightseeing and shopping and a ride on the Conch Train for US$36 on American Sightseeing Tours.

Some of the islands on the way, if you are driving, have historic interest, such as Key Largo. Here a local hotelier has bought the original African Queen used in the Humphrey Bogart and Katherine Hepburn film of that name, and it is open for visits. The drive to Key Largo on U.S.1 is about 90 minutes.

Also at Key Largo is John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park, the only underwater state park in the continental United States. You can go scuba diving here among the coral formations.

It is a full day excursion by bus to Cape Kennedy Space Centre (US$33 by American Sightseeing Tours). Here there is a variety of tours by the National Aeronautical Space Administration to the launch pads and the museums of space flight.

By seaplane or commuter jet the British flavor of the Bahamas is less than an hour's flight from Miami Beach. You can even take a cruise ship in the morning and return before midnight.

Native handicrafts and shop with duty-free imports are among the attractions, while at Freeport in the Bahamas there is non-stop gambling in posh casinos. No passports are necessary. Special 1-day round trip air fares are from US$70 via Eastern, Bahamas Air and Chalk's Air, with shipboard passage on the new luxury car ferry Scandinavian Sun from US$89.

A lighthouse rises out of the trees at Key West. [Florida News Bureau]

A French touch to Jewish sites

MONTREAL —

France, with 700,000 Jews, has the fourth largest Jewish community in the world and the largest most active one in Western Europe.

A new traveler's pamphlet on Jewish sites in France has been published by an American writer, Ben Frank, who wrote it with the cooperation of Air France, the French Government Tourist Office, the French Press and Information Services, and the French National Railroads.

The 24-page pamphlet contains the addresses of institutions, museums, memorials, synagogues and restaurants.

It covers Paris, Strasbourg, Rouen, Lyon, Provence, Marseille, Aix-En-Provence, Avignon, Cavaillon, Carpentras, Nice, Cannes and St. Tropez.

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ESCAPADE

Haggling the name of the game at Beersheba

If you really want to mingle, an Israeli market's a must

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

BEERSHEBA —
It is 5 a.m. and I am as tired as a dog.

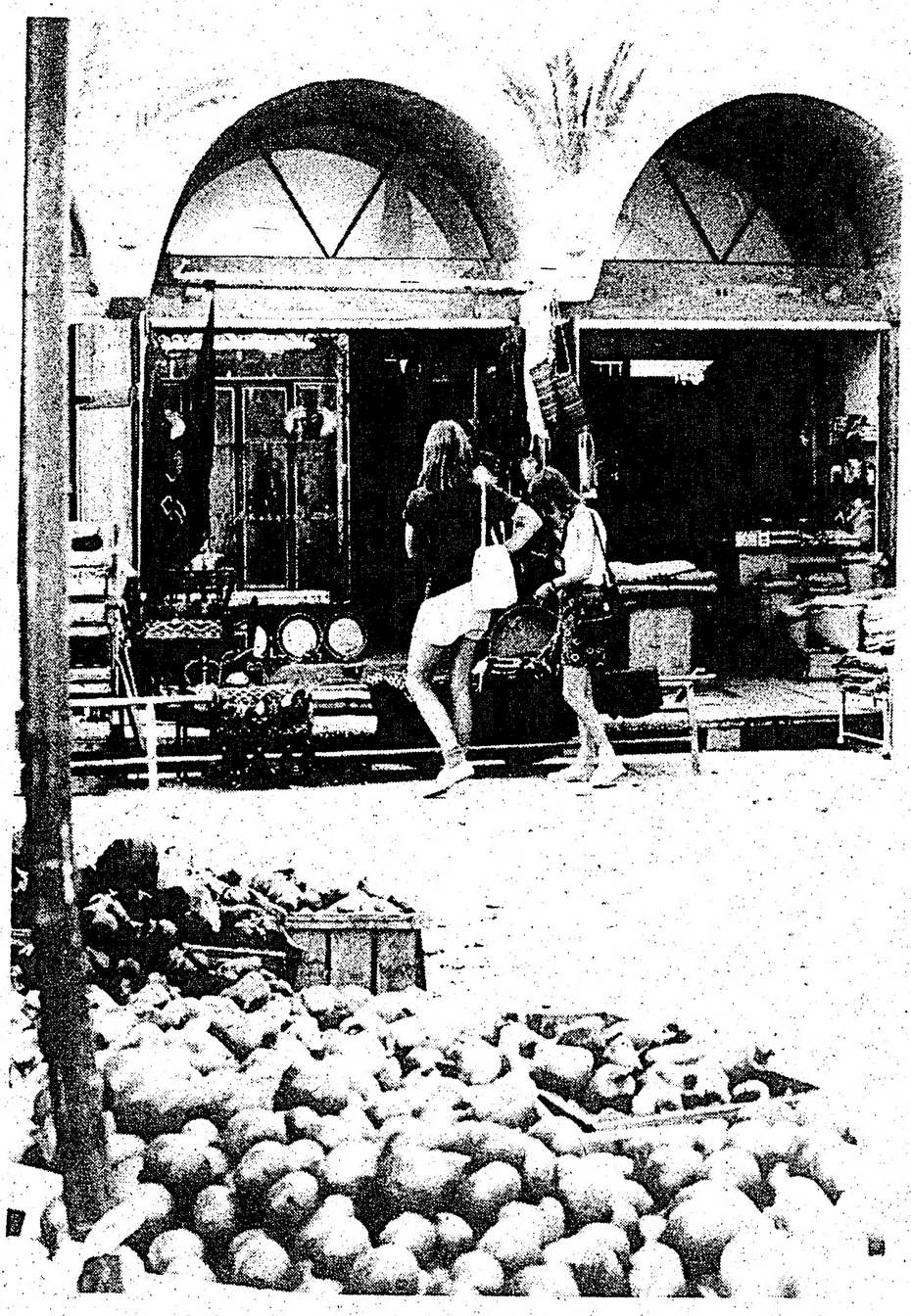
Although I am half asleep, rubbing the weariness out of my eyes, the sights, sounds and smells of Beersheba's Thursday morning market are jolting me out of slumber.

Dvora Tomer, my sister-in-law, stands accused of having convinced me to forsake several more hours of sweet, beautiful sleep for the pleasure of mingling — and perhaps bargaining — in one of Israel's most famous markets.

She has lived in this desert city for the past 20 years and is therefore very familiar with the market — which she holds dear.

All the vendors — Arabs and Jews — know Dvora, and she has filled her new cottage with their goods: colorful Bedouin wall hangings, Russian samovars, and unidentifiable brass and copper plates.

Like Dvora, I am drawn to markets. Having been to shouks in Cairo, Damascus, Marrakesh and Istanbul, I'm curious whether Beersheba's is worth a visit.



Shoppers look for bargains at Beersheba market.

Close to a wadi, or dry river bed, the market is divided into two distinct parts. On one side, enclosed by a fence, is a dusty field where Arabs, primarily Bedouins, buy and sell sheep and goats. Next to it are row upon row of improvised stalls where merchants dispense everything from fragrant spices and herbs to pots and pans, clothing and jewelry.

Haggling is the name of the game here. It wouldn't be the Middle East if you couldn't bargain.

Munching on a freshly-baked sesame bagel, and breathing in the cool morning air, I make my way into the enclosure, already thick with livestock brought here from all over the Negev, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Bedouin, clad in kaffiyahs and robes, hold their animals with ropes and leashes. Their women folk, dressed in black from head to toe, squat on the ground, watching the proceedings.

In a circle, a group of men haggle endlessly, smoking their acrid cigarettes. One man grabs a black goat, pries open its mouth and inspects its gleaming teeth. Then, lifting the beast, he squeezes its sides.

Apparently satisfied, he lets it drop, shaking hands with the vendor, and paper bills — Israeli shekels and Jordanian dinars — are exchanged.

Sometimes, a deal explodes in the face of the hagglers.

In a corner, a recalcitrant goat refuses to be manhandled by its owner. The would-be buyer slaps the beast with a flick of the wrist, but it doesn't react. The buyer walks away, and the owner unleashes a healthy kick at the goat.

In the parking lot, an unkempt young man prods a herd of sheep toward his pickup and, one by one, hands them unceremoniously to a friend in the truck.

Their foreheads daubed with a yellow identifying mark, the sheep huddle together nervously, hooves clattering.

Having got my fill of goats and sheep, I move to the other part of the market, now awash with perhaps 2,000 shoppers seeking out the best bargains in the Negev.

A couple of hours have elapsed since my arrival, and the sun is getting uncomfortably hot.

The scenes unfold:

• Here a middle-aged Jewish lady debates the virtues of a roll of blue polyester with a man wearing a bright red tarboosh, and there a buxom enchantress wriggles into designer jeans, flashing an inviting smile.

• Here an Arab boy tends to kebabs broiling over a tiny brazier, and there a wizened man sorts out tantalizing spices from the Orient.

• Here a beggar, his hand out in supplication, mutters unworthy incantations, and there a Bedouin woman stuffs shekels into the folds of her voluminous black-and-purple dress.

• Here an itinerant jeweler follows a potential client relentlessly, lowering his price with practically every step, and there a Russian Jew flogs a rug, shouting, "Half price today. Cheap."

At 11 o'clock, with the sun beating down, I meet Dvora and her sister — my wife Etti. They have not purchased anything, and neither have I. Still, it has been interesting.

Beersheba's market is not in a class with markets I have seen in Egypt, Syria, Morocco and Turkey, but it hums with life and is a kaleidoscope of humanity.

And, of course, the petty larceny characteristic of all markets is found here as well.

As we leave, we hear the voices of traders, mingled with the plaintive cry of sheep and goats.

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A big view of the Big A

World Trade Centre fills tall order

By
SHEILA DROPKIN

NEW YORK —

On my most recent trip to New York City I promised myself that **this time** I'd get to the top of the Empire State Building.

I was born and raised in the city, lived there for half my life and worked on the 22nd floor of this stately edifice for five years — yet I never did get to the top — to the observation roof which is the first stop-off for just about every tourist in the Big Apple.

This time, I didn't make it either.

However, I did get to the observation deck and open-air rooftop promenade of the World Trade Centre, a full seven storeys taller than the Empire State . . . and what a view it offers! You can see the horizon and city in all directions — the skyscrapers of midtown Manhattan, the Hudson and East Rivers, the many famous bridges that connect this borough to the others that comprise the city, the skyline of New Jersey and the busy harbor.

We were able to pinpoint the arch at Washington Square where my alma mater, New York University, is located; the Empire State and Chrysler Buildings; the Battery Park development being constructed by Toronto's Olympia & York Corp.; the Statue of Liberty, which still brings a lump to my throat every time I see it and heart palpitations whenever I climb it, and Ellis Island, where my parents and millions of other immigrants were first welcomed to this land of opportunity.

Located adjacent to New York's financial centre, the World Trade complex was built by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to provide a central location for the transaction of international business. It contains the headquarters for commodities trading which is shared by four separate exchanges — The New York Cotton Exchange, The New York Mercantile Exchange, The Commodity Exchange, Inc. and the New York Coffee, Sugar and Cocoa Exchange.

A graphic display on the observation deck explains the growth and development of commodities trading in such a simple manner that even I understood it . . . I think.

The U.S. customshouse and the 825-room Vista International New York Hotel are also located here.

The outdoor plaza and main entrances of the Trade Centre contain work by some of the world's most eminent artists — a pyramid-like sculpture in Swedish granite by Masayuki Nagare stands at the main entrance of the Plaza; Ideogram, a stainless steel sculpture by American James Rosati also adorns the plaza; a 3-ton tapestry by Joan Miro is hung against a 50-foot high marble wall on the mezzanine of Two World Trade Centre (there are two twin towers).

Alexander Calder created a stabile for the centre which has been placed at the corner of Church and Vesey Streets; a new work by renowned sculptor Louise Nevelson hangs in the mezzanine of One World Trade Centre, facing the plaza and the 25-foot high, globe-like bronze sculpture by Fritz Koenig which is its central feature and stands surrounded by a fountain.

On the 107th floor is the Windows on the World restaurant, noted for its view and its fabulous buffet dinners. Other restaurants and snack bars are scattered throughout the complex. A snack bar and souvenir shop located on the observation deck, along with the hefty entrance fee, give credence to the belief that no aspect of trade is being overlooked here.

A shopping mall is also located on the street level, including a key and engraving shop owned by one of my distant relatives.

A short walk away are some of New York's most historic and interesting sights — Trinity Church, Federal Hall, Frances Tavern Museum, St. Paul's Chapel (all of which date back to the U.S. Revolution) and the features of the financial world — Wall Street, the New York Stock Exchange and the Federal Reserve Bank.

Stroll for a few more blocks and you reach the newly-opened (as of July 28 of this year) South Street Seaport, an 11-block area of restoration and new construction. It seems that every major North American city which has one is hell-bent on preserving its harbourfront and New York is no exception.

The focal point of the development is the Fulton Market, on the site of the old Fulton Fish Market (now temporarily located in a mobile van), a 3-storey building of specialty food shops, cafes and restaurants. You've got to forget your diet when you visit here and anyone fond of old-fashioned pickles from the barrel will be in heaven.

Food and souvenir vendors crowd the plaza surrounding the market building, adding to the crush and clamor. On the day we were there, promoters were distributing free samples of chewing gum and soft drinks and clowns were cavorting for the children.

On the next block is Schermerhorn Row, a street of 12 buildings built between 1810 and 1812 which have given a new lease on life as crafts and gift shops, restaurants and antique stores. Around the corner is Museum Block, whose oldest structure dates back to 1797, and which contains the South Street Museum and still more restaurants and specialty shops.

Scheduled for opening in 1984 are the Seaport Plaza office building and Pier 17 Pavilion which will extend into the East River. On the river itself there's a variety of schooners, fishing boats and ferries, dating from 1885 to 1925, which are open for visitors.

The souvenirs and crafts being sold here differ very minimally from those available at Toronto's Harbourfront or Vancouver's Gastown or the seaport developments of Seattle and Baltimore. However, there's a certain ambience and excitement here in New York that's missing at all of the others.

Czech exhibit goes on tour

MIAMI —

The Nazis wanted to establish a "Museum to an Extinct Race," so they kept the textiles, paintings and manuscripts of the Jews as artifacts of decadence. They preserved them with ghoulish care.

Now this significant collection of Judaic art salvaged from Czechoslovakia after World War II is going to the United States as part of a national tour.

The exhibition will go on the road with a 2-month showing at the Bass Museum of Art in Miami Beach beginning in January.

The Bass is one of six museums in the United States to be selected by the Smithsonian Institution to display The Precious Legacy: Judaic Treasures from the Czechoslovak State Collections.

The $2.3-million project is being sponsored by the non-profit Holocaust Remembrance Foundation.

"Because of our large Jewish population and the thousands in this area who survived concentration camps, this exhibit is especially significant for South Florida," said Diane Camber, executive director of the Bass.

The exhibition will open Nov. 8 at the Smithsonian. After Miami, it will travel to New York City, San Diego, Houston, Detroit and Hartford, Conn.

The 330 objects in the collection represent Jewish art from the Middle Ages to the 20th century. Included are furnishings and everyday utensils, historical documents, portraits, works in silver, gold, pewter, wood and glass.

The artifacts have been in the State Jewish Museum in Prague since 1938, when Hitler confiscated property from Czechoslovakia's Jewish communities.

Reinhard Heydrich, Hitler's administrator for that region, selected Prague as the ideal site for such a museum because the city had been a centre of Jewish life since 1286.

After the war, the collection was preserved.

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City's ethnic and social life featured

Story of Jerusalem presented at the Tower of David

By
JULIE ABRAHAMS

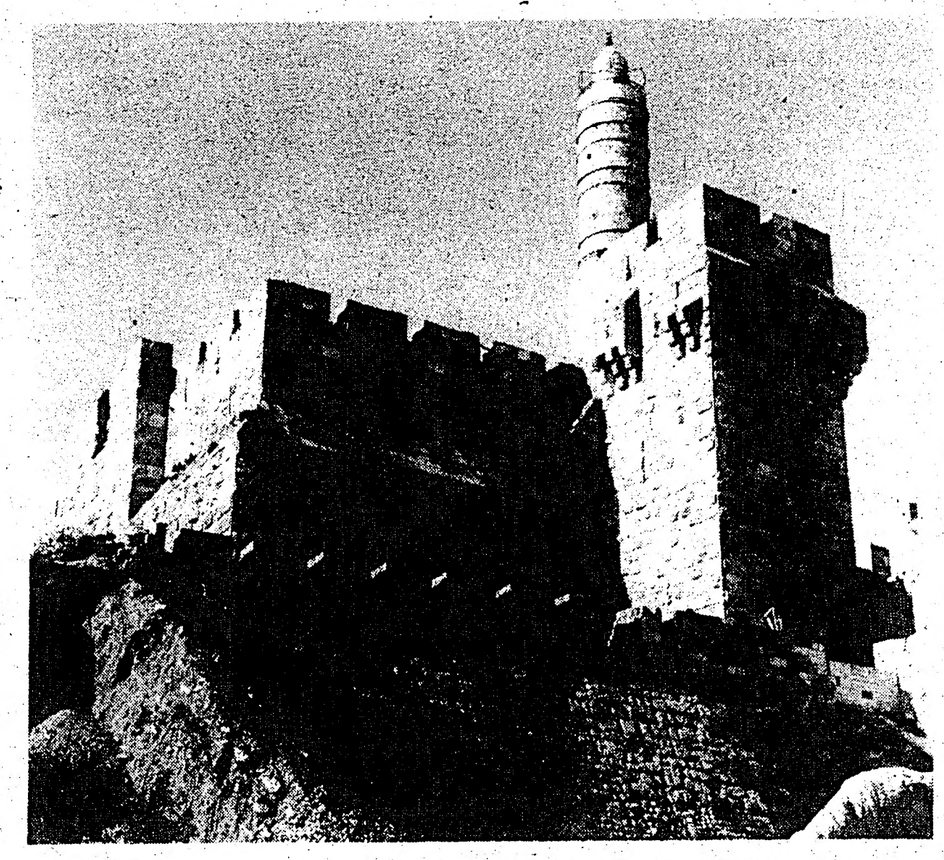
JERUSALEM —

On the occasion of the recent 16th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem, the site of the Tower of David has been reopened to the general public. The citadel has undergone extensive repairs and restoration and archeological excavations have brought to light impressive remains and historic buildings . . . clearly labeled.

Seats have been installed to enable the public to attend a nightly sound and light show on the story of Jerusalem, as a sacred city to three religions, and the historic and spiritual centre of Judaism.

Visitors may walk around the restored upper walkway on the citadel walls and pause at observation points overlooking different directions. In the halls and tower rooms exhibits on the history of the citadel and the city are presented. There is an exhibition of dolls illustrating the different groups and communities which make up the Jerusalem population.

The goal is to enlarge the number of exhibits, showing the history of the city throughout the ages as well as religious and cultural events expressing the great diversity of the city's ethnic and social life, with emphasis on the Jewish people.



Tower of David in Jerusalem has been reopened to public.

As there has been uninterrupted human habitation on this site for more than 2,000 years, the small area around the Tower of David has yielded more historic relics than almost any other place in Jerusalem. These findings demonstrate the original architectural forms generated by each period.

THE SOREQ CAVES

One day in May, 1968 the sound of an explosion echoed in the western slopes of the Judean Hills. On the face it was just another rock blasting, but it proved very different however, as it opened a crack into a magical and fantastic world, which had been hidden beneath the ground.

The cave that was discovered is called the Soreq Cave, and from a geological and aesthetic viewpoint, is one of the most beautiful in the world. The wealth and abundance of shapes of stalactites and stalagmites also place it among the most interesting.

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JEWISH QUARTER

During a walking tour, the guests of the Jerusalem Plaza are taken to the eastern section of Jerusalem to the Jewish quarter in the Old City, which is one of the most dramatic and heroic places in the history of the Jewish nation.

The Old City, which has a surrounding wall, is divided by its inhabitants into quarters — Moslem, Christian, Armenian and Jewish quarters, where each community concentrates on its own religious facilities, schools, trade centres, etc. Generations of Jews came to live and sometimes die here.

Originally, the main Jewish community was the Sephardic, and even today, we find remnants of ancient Sephardic synagogues such as the Rambam (1267), the Yochanan Ben Zakai and others. We can see too the reconstruction of the Karaite synagogue and the "hurva," one of the oldest Beit Midrash in Eretz Yisrael.

The Ashkenazi Jews came to Jerusalem during the 19th century due to major changes in Europe, and built among others, the Habash synagogue.

The Jewish quarter, located in the southeast corner of the Old City, holds generations of Jews who came to the Holy City to try and build themselves a quiet and secure life by having friendly relationships with their neighbors.

However, the wall and the ancient stones could bear witness to the many years of struggle for survival, while the Jewish quarter was being continuously attacked and destroyed.

In 1948, during the War of Independence, the last remaining Jews left the quarter for a period of 19 years, to return in June, 1967 (Six Day War), with renewed hopes for the future. Restoration began, the Jewish quarter was revived, and a new era opened . . .

The area was cleared, old synagogues rebuilt and by combining traditions and chapters of the past with modern day housing and architecture, the Jewish quarter is now one of the most beautiful places in Jerusalem.

Kosher hotels on rise in Israel

By
BARUCH SAVILLE

TEL AVIV —

With more and more religious visitors coming to Israel and demanding that their hotels be kosher in every sense of the word, hoteliers in the main cities are competing to meet the specific requirement of these guests.

While every hotel in the upper grades are supposed to be kosher in order to acquire ministry of tourism recommendation, there are infringements which annoy the Orthodox Jews.

As hotels bowed to pressure to provide more in-house entertainment for the non-Jewish visitor, Orthodox tourists requirements were all but disregarded.

Pioneering a truly kosher atmosphere was the Jerusalem Plaza, a CP hotel, which is not merely kosher, but also installed Sabbath elevators, glatt, only kosher wines and spirits, no public exchange of money or cooking of food.

A real kosher atmosphere was attained, and was found to be an attraction for non- ethnic guests.

The opening of the 5-star Jerusalem Laromme which is glatt, provided an even greater kosher atmosphere for the delighted Orthodox visitors to the Holy City.

Other top hotels such as the Jerusalem Hilton and the Sheraton King Solomon also make special efforts to meet the requirements of the Orthodox.

In Tel Aviv, the popular 4-star Grand Beach was the first hotel in the city to instal a Sabbath elevator and every effort is made by Orthodox sales manager David Steinberg to provide an atmosphere which will be acceptable to Orthodox guests, which at times, constitute over 40% of the total number of visitors. The Grand Beach has even set aside special times for males and females at its rooftop pool.

Smoking on Shabbat in the dining halls is forbidden, and guests are asked not to smoke in the public areas.

Only kosher wines and other drinks are served at the Grand Beach while on Shabbat eve a communal kiddush is held, with the hotel providing the wine free. The hotel has its own synagogue.

The Tel Aviv Sheraton provides glatt meals in its dining room and the Hilton is planning a similar addition on the request of its hundreds of guests who crowd into the hotel's large synagogue every Shabbat.

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Platform guests at the cornerstone unveiling of the London Jewish Community Village.

"A dream come true"

Community Village arrives

By JAMES PASTERNAK and EDITH KATZ

LONDON, Ont. —

Members of London's Jewish community and representatives from all levels of government gathered recently for the long-awaited unveiling of the cornerstone of the New London Jewish Community Village, at Huron and Adelaide.

"It's really an exciting time for many of us who have gone through so much to bring us to an occasion where we can actually see a physical structure around us," said Dr. Jack Rosen, president of the London Jewish Community Council. "It's a dream come true."

Phase One of the centre comprises a 45-unit senior citizen apartment residence, as well as recreational and administrative facilities. Already looking to the future, the centre plans eventually to operate a day school and provide more diversified athletic facilities.

Present at the ceremony were members of the federal, provincial and municipal governments. This was not only representative of where financial backing came from (in conjunction with private donations), but it also demonstrated the fact that the centre is for all Londoners.

Non-Jews already participate in many of the activities of the present centre and one of the first tenants of the seniors' residence pointed out that non-Jews will also live there.

The Friendship Club of the centre, a senior citizens' group, has active members of all faiths.

When the centre opens to the general public in October, 20 years of building and planning will have been completed. In 1962, the original Jewish Community Centre was opened next to Congregation Or Shalom and included a gymnasium.

In 1973 a teen centre was opened along with administrative offices. The teen centre became a pre-school nursery, and a portable and baby sitting service complemented other additions.

In 1976, the London Jewish community council established a long range planning committee for the centre. It was this committee that developed a Jewish community "village concept."

By 1979 the preliminary drawings were completed and in 1980 the project was finalized.

Standing in for MP Charles Turner was Garnet Bloomfield, who pointed out that various contributions from the federal government will amount to $5.3 million over the next 30 years.

He said that "it is an accepted fact that where a group such as yours takes the responsibility of management of a housing project, the community is much better served."

Other financing comes from the provincial government. Wintario grants totaling $598,000 are being provided on the basis of $2 for every dollar raised by the community.

Representing the provincial government was local MPP Gordon Walker. He praised the efforts of the community in building the centre and said it emphasized the presence of a strong Jewish community in the area.

"I think the community village that you've established here," Walker said, "will serve for many years in the future. Now as we go about the formal unveiling of the stone, I say that we pay tribute to you. . . . You deserve our tribute for the contribution that you are making to London, to Ontario, to Canada."

The London Jewish population numbers approximately 2,500 persons with an increasing population.

In 1977 the London Jewish Community Council initiated the London Jewish senior adult survey. The survey revealed the need by seniors in the community for expanded health and social services and the need for a seniors housing complex that would help accommodate a rapidly aging population.

The architect hired by the planning committee realized that the Jewish community was well prepared with the facts when the project was presented.

Lazslo Nemeth, a Toronto architect, said that, "the community knew what they wanted. They had a clear idea of wanting to do a senior citizens' home with a community centre with different functions to it."

Speakers at the unveiling lauded the foresight of Jewish community leaders. As Walker said: "Really, the tribute here must be paid to the people."

Job creation programs will benefit 300,000

OTTAWA —

Employment and Immigration Minister John Roberts last week launched four federal job creation programs which, he said, will benefit over 300,000 Canadian men and women during this fiscal year and next.

The programs are the result of the consolidation and reinforcement of initiatives carried out over the past few years by Employment and Immigration Canada, Roberts added.

The programs are: Canada Works (formerly NEED Canada), LEAD (Local Employment Assistance and Development), Career-Access, and Job Corps.

"The programs are intended to support two basic priorities of the government's employment development strategy, namely, to create immediately jobs for the greatest number of unemployed Canadians possible and to provide them with the work experience and on-the-job training they need for the future," Roberts said.

The minister invited private industry to assume an active role and take advantage of the opportunities offered by the programs. Early involvement by the private sector, she said, will help create jobs as soon as possible. "The funds allocated to the programs are a public investment in the private sector and in communities throughout the country," Roberts said. "Those who decide to turn the assistance offered under the programs to good account are really helping themselves."

Pointing out that some individuals are harder hit by unemployment than others, the minister emphasized that the government has taken measures to help redress the balance of unemployment for youth, women, natives and others who are particularly disadvantaged.

"The government has designed most of its job creation programs with the special needs of these groups in mind," Roberts concluded, "but the government cannot do the work alone. This is why I hope the programs will make potential employers in the private and community sectors aware of the necessity of offering special assistance to individuals with special needs."

Group makes aliya to form kibbutz

NEW YORK —

One Canadian was among 35 adults and nine children who left recently to make aliya as potential members of Israel's first Conservative kibbutz.

The group of 44 boarded an El Al jet for the trip to Kibbutz Kfar Hachoresh, where they will undergo a year of training in communal living, before joining others who are already in Israel to establish their own kibbutz, Hannaton, in the hills of Galilee. They expect to settle on their site next September.

While there are almost 300 kibbutzim in Israel, some of them dating back 70 years, Hannaton will be the first ever to be sponsored by the worldwide Conservative Movement within Judaism.

The 44 newcomers will train in agriculture and industry, which are expected to form the basis for the settlement's economy.

Computer math games are a challenge to mind

TORONTO —

Canadian-designed computer math games, which challenge your mind and not just your reflexes, are being launched on the Canadian market this month.

The educational games, which will retail at $39.95, have been designed by British Columbia teacher Doug Super and produced by Houghton Mifflin Canada Ltd., an educational textbook publisher.

The Dolphin Math Games, bearing such titles as Catch A Falling Star, Master Math and Multi-Maze, are compatible with Commodore 64, Apple and IBM personal computers.

They'll be available at computer retail outlets and have already been purchased for grades 4,5 and 6 by the Carleton Board of Education in Ontario.

Vivian Shapiro and Bruce Howell, teachers in Toronto's North York stated that the games were "very challenging for students of all abilities. The software directly related and reinforced the creative problem-solving activities in our classroom. And, two grade 6 students stated 'This isn't just a game. You really have to use strategy!' "

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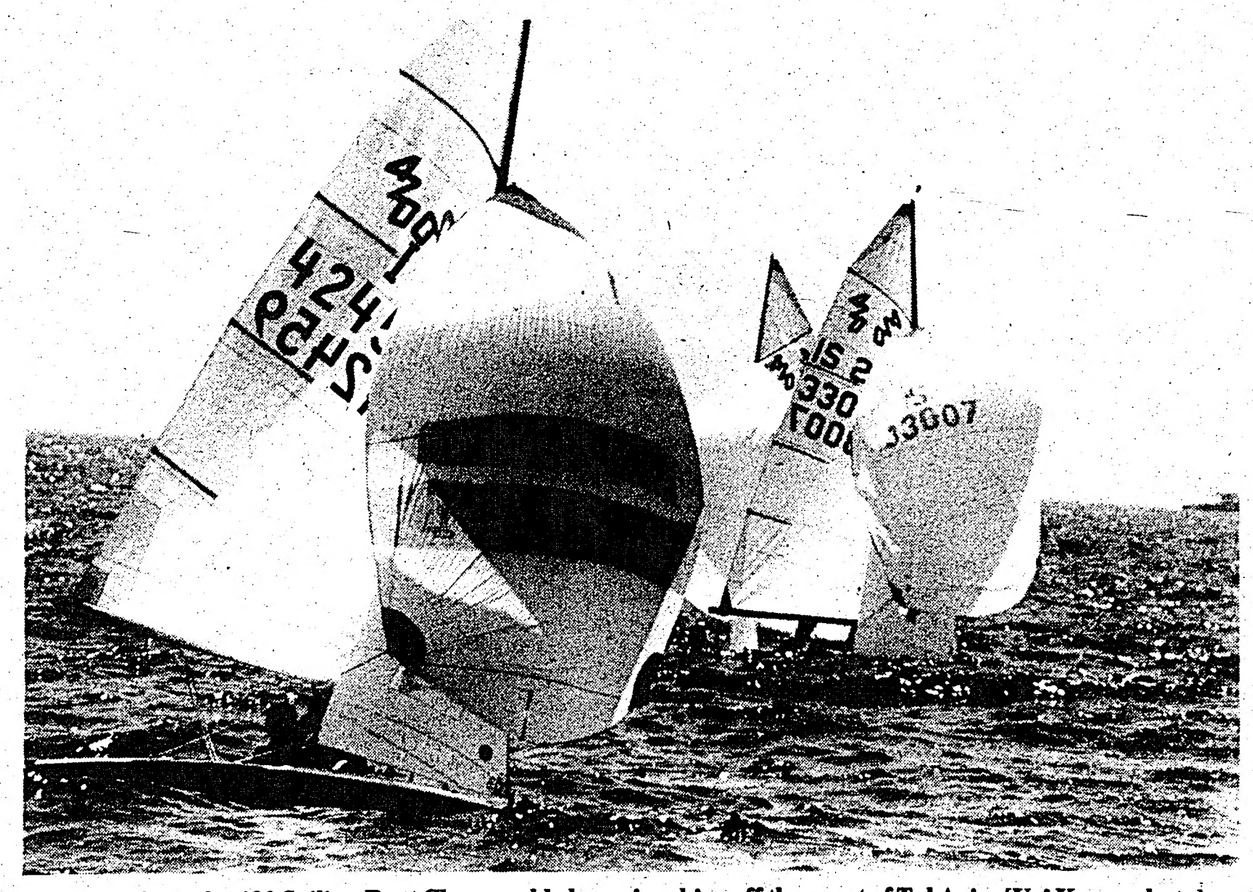
Old Timers rules to be used

BB senior hockey league stresses fun, not fists

sports scene

By GARY COHEN



Action from the 420 Sailing Boat Class world championships off the coast of Tel Aviv. [Uzi Keren photo]

The B'nai B'rith shinny fraternity will be showing a new wrinkle this year when the BB senior hockey league opens its first season of play on Oct. 6 at the North York Centennial Arena.

But although the senior league has been officially recognized as the fourth divisional member of the BB clan, it will have autonomy regarding its organization and rules.

Harry Basil, founder of the senior league and a past BB hockey league president, says that the new, 35-year-old-and-over division will play according to Canadian Old Timers Association rules. These include more stringent sanctions concerning chippiness and the use of protective equipment than do the BB hockey league rules that govern the other three divisions.

Basil says the use of COTA rules reflects the league's desire to "stress fun" and safety over competitiveness.

For instance, senior league players will be required to use some form of eye protection [visors or cages] in addition to dressing in full equipment. To eliminate the possibility of tempers getting out of hand COTA rules also call for ejection of players who accumulate three minor penalties in a game.

To further emphasize a sense of fraternity and eliminate lodge allegiances, the 5-team league (Basil is hoping that last minute applicants will create a sixth club before the inaugural season opener) has also adopted a draft system that places players from various lodges on the same team.

Apart from allowing the players an opportunity to meet members of other BB lodges, the draft helps create a competitive balance that Basil says is crucial to the concept of the league.

Although the initial draft has already taken place, Basil has informed teams that the present alignment "is not final." If superior or inferior clubs emerge during the early weeks of the season, a second draft will take place on Oct. 20 to spread out the talent.

Basil adds that he "anticipates holding a draft each year" the league remains in operation.

While the league is still seeking more players, especially goalies, and some extra coaching help, the five current teams will all have sponsors when they open their Wednesday night schedule at the Centennial Arena on Oct. 6.

Two senior league games, consisting of 20-minute "straight periods" punctuated by two 10-minute "coronary breaks," will be played at the arena every Wednesday night starting at 8.30 and 10. The season will run until the end of April.

The only prerequisites for joining the league are that you be a BB lodge member who is 35 years of age or over. For more information about the BB senior league or to join, contact Basil at 494-1918 [home] or 745-8822 [work], or Ray Ashe at 881-6014 [home].

Andrew Hemmings and Janos Belben of England recently won the 420 Sailing Boat Class world championships held off the coast of Tel Aviv.

Gil Yakimov and Don Gronish of Israel, last year's runners-up at the championships in England, repeated their 1982 performance to finish second. They were followed in the final standing by three other Israeli crews with Bjorn and Brigitte Bengston, a Swedish brother and sister team, finishing sixth and French pair William Sanchez and Bernard Dumertier, the defending champions, placing seventh.

Hemmings, 19, an apprentice boat builder and son of a sailing school captain, and Belben, 17, a student who is the son of a Royal Navy fleet captain, outpaced 45 teams representing 13 countries to win the 6-race event by less than a single point margin over the Israeli crew.

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Israel's top tennis star, Shlomo Glickstein and Shahar Perkins, the country's second-ranked player, will be among the 32 entrants expected to take part in the 4th annual Israel Tennis Centre Classic, scheduled for the ITC's Ramat Hasharon national facility on Oct. 10-15.

Also playing at the $88,000 Volvo Grand Prix event will be Israel's top junior player, 17-year-old Amos Masdorf. Masdorf was recently beaten 4-6, 7-6, 7-6 in the quarter-finals of the U.S. Open junior championships by Sweden's Stefan Edberg, the world's top ranking junior.

Competing with the Israeli players at the ITC Classic will be Switzerland's Heinz Gunthardt (currently ranked 36th in the world) and Detroit's 16-year-old Aaron Krickstein.

Krickstein, who recently stunned court watchers by upsetting Vitas Gerulaitis in five sets (3-6, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4) at the recent U.S. Open before bowing out to French phenom Yannick Noah in the quarter-final round, is the current U.S. junior champion.

Coinciding with the ITC Classic will be the 8th annual ITC Founders Tour, Oct. 12-27, in support of the seven Centres throughout Israel which provide social and recreational activities for thousands of youngsters.

The tour starts courtside at the tournament and also features visits to the other ITC facilities [Tel Aviv-Jaffa, Ashkelon, Jerusalem, Kiryat Shemona, Haifa and Arad], and personal receptions with several Israeli dignitaries, including President Chaim Herzog.

Next year from Nov. 4-11, the Ramat Hasharon Centre will host the 13th World Tennis Championships for Doctors. The tournament will be held in conjunction with the 13th International Congress on Psychosomatic and Preventative Medicine and International Sports Medicine Symposium.

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Underdogs turned into dead dogs last week as the top teams during the B'nai B'rith baseball league season continued their winning ways in the playoffs.

In Division I sudden-death, first-round play, Leonard Mayzel B (3rd in the standings during the regular season with 20 points) blanked Maccabiah A (6th, 17 points) 6-0 and Toronto Freedom B (5th, 18) beat Wilson Heights A (4th, 19) 11-7.

In the 1-game semi-finals, Leonard Mayzel B topped Leonard Mayzel A (2nd, 20) 4-0 to gain a berth in the best-of-three divisional final. Leonard Mayzel B will play the winner of the Upper Canada A (1st, 29) — Toronto Freedom B game which was postponed due to rain.

In Division II, Upper Canada B (6th, 16) pulled the biggest upset of the playoffs so far by disposing of Manor Metropolitan A (3rd, 19) with a 6-3 opening round decision and Forrestdale A (4th, 18) rallied in the bottom of the seventh and final inning to squeeze past United A (5th, 17) 5-4.

In the semi-finals, Leonard Mayzel C (2nd, 21) hammered out a 10-3 victory over Forrestdale A to move into the final against the survivor of the North York A (1st, 27) — Upper Canada B game — another victim of the bad weather.

Moving to Division III playoff action, Circle A (3rd, 24) stopped Upper Canada D (6th, 14) with a 5-2 win and Forrestdale B (4th, 19) got past Toronto Freedom F (5th, 15) 11-7.

In the semis, Judea A (1st, 33) breezed past Forrestdale B by a score of 9-3 to advance to the final against Maccabiah B (2nd, 29) who put an end to Circle A's post-season hopes with a 7-4 victory.

The playoffs wrap up this weekend and next week Sports Scene will take a final look at the results from all of the BB divisions.

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And now, from the DBHS-TV (Did Ben Hogan Start This Vay?) network, a Seneca College continuing education bulletin:

A growing interest in golf has turned the sport into big business. As a result, there is a demand for qualified professionals to manage golf clubs in Ontario.

Starting Nov. 3, the continuing education department of Seneca, in co-operation with the Canadian Professional Golfers Association [CPGA] will offer a golf professional apprenticeship training program.

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ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE

Bathurst-Steeles. Wanted female to share completely furnished, kosher, 3 bedroom apt. Cleaning lady & parking included. $300. Call evenings 661-7447.

ACCOMMODATIONS WANTED

Couple seeks bedroom dwelling". Light services available. No Saturday calls. 782-4243.

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Bathurst/Wilson. Room and board needed immediately for male high school student. Self-contained preferable. 977-8692.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Singles Party!
Saturday October 1 — 8:30 p.m.
Xanadu Club, 759 Mount Pleasant. Introcuding Table Talk? **Free Admission.**

Jewish Information Service, 635-5600 (Voice-TTY). Can we help you connect?

Jewish Singles Party at **Rooney's,** 2 Rosehill Avenue. (2 blocks south of St. Clair & Yonge) **Monday October 3,** 8:30 p.m. (age 22-37). Adminssion $4.00.

Goldhaber Jewellery & Sudman Jewellery, Israel, announce their merger. 633A Bloor West. 532-7208. European master. Specialist hand-made jewellery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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New General Electric deluxe canister vacuum cleaners. Made specially for Israel. 220 volts. Guaranty honored in Israel. Clearance price $90. York Appliance. 488-3231.

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BEDFORD Glen
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1 bedrm., furn. model suite decor. Oct. 1. $950 monthly. Elli Davis 921-1112.

CONDOMINIUMS FOR RENT/SALE

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Near Lawrence subway. A new, 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, designer decorated luxury suite, featuring vertical louver drapes on all windows, quality broadloom, mirrored walls, fine wallpapers. 2 car parking. $975 monthly. Sale $149,900. 789-1877.

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Part time babysitter needed Thornhill Area. 731-1638.

Experienced babysitter, light housekeeping, 9 month infant Monday - Friday. Bathurst-Sheppard. References. 667-8370.

Babysitter, light housekeeping, 2 days, 2 children. Avenue Rd.-401. 636-3815.

Housekeeper for 1 elderly lady, live-in, good salary and conditions. 638-6562 or 223-4222.

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Arlen House: 1 bedroom or convertible. Dec. 14 - Feb. 14. 667-8067.

FLORIDA APARTMENTS FOR RENT

"Bonaventure" - Hwy. 84 & Broward Mall, Fort Lauderdale. 2 bedroom 2 bathroom, fully furnished garden apt. Pool, tennis, golf, spa, shopping. $1,200 U.S. per month. Negotiable for longer periods. 638-3748 after 6 p.m.

FLORIDA CONDOMINIUMS FOR RENT

North Miami Beach. 2 apts., 159th & 181st & Collins. 1 bedroom, 1½ baths, across from Ocean & shopping. Minimum 3 months. (519) 944-1314. 226-0199 evenings.

Miami. 163rd - Collins. Opposite Newport Hotel. 1 bedroom 1½ baths. Immaculate, fully furnished. Available Dec. 1 - April '84. 783-3803.

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COASTAL TOWERS, NORTH MIAMI BEACH, 159 St., 3½ luxurious rooms, furnished, security, courtesy bus. November, December, January. Low Price. 1-514-739-9338.

On the Ocean, Collins Ave. Near Marco Polo, bedsitting, studio condo efficiency. Furnished & equipped, pool, patio, parking, near all amenities. $1,200 U.S. monthly. 633-5762.

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Large private room with bathroom and kitchen facilities in North Miami, for female. Near shopping, beach, transportation. For 3 months or less from January. Reasonable. 665-4031.

North Miami Beach Aventura, furnished 1 bedroom, 1½ baths. Jan., Feb., March. 782-1535 after 4.

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Palmaire. 2 bedroom, designer furnished, full season. After 5 p.m. 225-4377.

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North Miami Beach. Coastal Towers. 1 bedroom. From Jan. to April. 636-8263, evenings.

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PALM BEACH, Ocean Front Apartment, 1 bedroom, 1½ bathrooms. Completely furnished. February, March, April, 1-514-937-5280.

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North Miami Beach. Coastal Towers 159th & Collins. 1 bedroom decorated, furnished. Available from Jan. 17, 1984. Call after 4 p.m. 488-1022.

FLORIDA CONDOMINIUMS FOR RENT

West Palm Beach. On water, most attractively furnished. 1 bedroom 1½ baths, balcony, pool, beach, tennis. Rent Jan. 15 with option to purchase. $1,000 U.S. per month. 781-6212.

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Just Reduced! Bathurst-York Downs
Super 3 bdrm sidesplit. Newly renovated kitchen & main bath, main floor family room + w/o. Many exciting extras. Ann Roseman.

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Bathurst Steeles - Reduced for Quick Sale
Over 3,000 sq. ft. 4 bdrms, 4 baths, central air, main fl. family room + fireplace, 45' frontage, only $137,900. Call David Leranbaum.

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Palm Drive - Clanton Park
10¾% Mtge due 1994! Gorgeous bungalow, large rooms, ultra kitchen, family rm, 2 baths, central air, finished bsmt, garage. Joe Salomon.

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Bathurst-Wilson "Elegant Custom Built"
Builder's own! 4 bdrms + den & family room, large kitchen, 4 walk-outs, 4 baths, lower level suitable for in-law apt. + more. Must be seen! Sarah Rovet.

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Bathurst Village
Exceptional executive bungalow, 3 bdrms + den, bright Hollywood kitchen, central air, security system, close to all amenities. Ann Roseman.

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Try An Offer! Don Mills-McNicoll
Super semi, 11¾% mtge, cathedral ceiling, large kitchen, 3 bdrms, central air, beautifully decorated. Call Esther Siskind 223-5100.

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Bayview-Steeles - Ravine
About 3,200 sq. ft. 4 bdrm brick palace + floating oak circular stairs, cathedral ceilings, 4 baths. Stuart Farb.

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Leslie-Steeles $259,000
Breathtaking ravine 4 bdrm, 2 fireplaces, huge rms, 4 baths, rec. room, wet bar, 5th bdrm, w-out bsmt., loaded. Pearly Dennis.

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Bathurst-Steeles Just Reduded!
3 bdrm large bungalow, compl. finished bsmt, dble garage, one block to synagogue & shopping. Mary Fenyes.

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Bayview-Cummer - First Ad
Luxury 4 bdrm, 2 storey, main fl. family room & den, 4 baths, 3 panelled rms in bsmt, wet bar, luxury brdlm, central air. Pearly Dennis.

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Bathurst South of Steeles
Beautiful 3 bdrm, 3 baths, large kit., panelled rec. room, fireplace, 5 appliances, air cond., decorated, 2 walk-outs. Pearly Dennis.

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Bayview & Steeles - 3,100 Sq. Ft.
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Bayview-John $149,900
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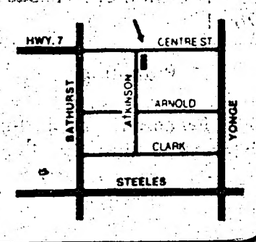

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The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Sadie Kornblum** will take place on Sunday, October 2 at 9:30 a.m. at The Bathurst Lawn Cemetery, Husatiner Klois Section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Leah Mamott** will take place on Sunday, October 2, 1983, at 11:00 a.m. at Mount Sinai Memorial Park Cemetery, Farband section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

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OBITUARIES

Golda Abrams on Sept. 15, 1983, late of Baycrest Centre, Tor.
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OBITUARIES

Abraham Chousky on Sept. 15, 1983, late of 100 Canyon Ave., #504, Dwns.
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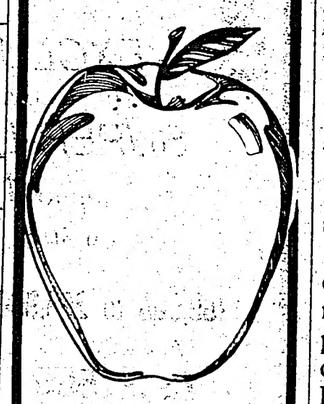

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Club to vote on Jews' fate

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON — Virginia's oldest exclusive men's club, a haven in downtown Roanoke for some 400 of the most prominent citizens in the southwestern end of the state, is facing a demand for change in its 90-year history of blackballing Jews because of their religion.

With at least a half-dozen of its members having resigned in recent weeks over the policy, a recommendation has been put to the club's 10-member executive board to hold a referendum on the issue.

While the club has no written policy barring applicants on the basis of race, sex or religion, it has never rejected Blacks or women because none has been sponsored for membership since it opened in 1893. Over the past 20 years, however, Jewish applicants have been consistently rejected.

"Whether the board agrees to the referendum proposal remains to be seen," said Ira Gissen of Richmond, regional director of the B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League. "It is unprecedented in American history for so many prominent Christians publicly to denounce a private club's discrimination against Jews. It has never happened before. Those protesting are both in the community and in the club itself."

Roanoke, whose population is about 100,000, has approximately 250 Jewish families and two synagogues — one Reform, one Conservative. Many of the Jewish residents trace their families to the origins of Roanoke, a railroad community in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Two Jewish men — Maury Strauss and Sigmund Davidson — who have been recently rejected by the club, have been threatened by phone callers using obscene language. They were warned to leave the country. Threats of loss of business have been leveled at some of their supporters.

Club officials have declined to talk to the media about the apparent ban on Jews, according to United Press International. It quoted the club's president, David Reed Jr., as saying "it's just not something I care to comment on."

UPI said the club's manager, Joseph Lukas, hung up the phone when asked for his opinion on membership for Jews. Lukas was described as having been with Germany's Afrika Corps under General Erwin Rommel in North Africa's desert campaign in World War II.

G. Frank Clement, a retired insurance executive who resigned recently after 23 years of membership, and William Hubard, a former Roanoke city councilman, objected to the club's system that allows any two of the 10 board members to blackmail an applicant anonymously and without explanation.

Clement said: "I don't think it will ever change as long as you have two bigots who don't have to identify themselves."

Hubard and Warner Dalhouse, chairman of Roanoke's First National Exchange Bank, said they retained membership in the club to press for a membership vote to admit Jews.

M. Caldwell Butler, a former representative in Virginia's state legislature, who has sponsored Jewish applicants, said the membership system ought to be changed "but it will be hard to do with all this publicity."

William Poff, past president of the Virginia state bar, resigned from the club when a Jewish friend was rejected two years ago. "I no longer wanted to be part of a club that rejected people, not because of their merit but because of their race or religion," Poff said.

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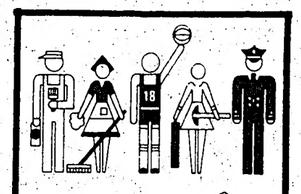

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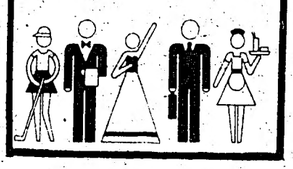

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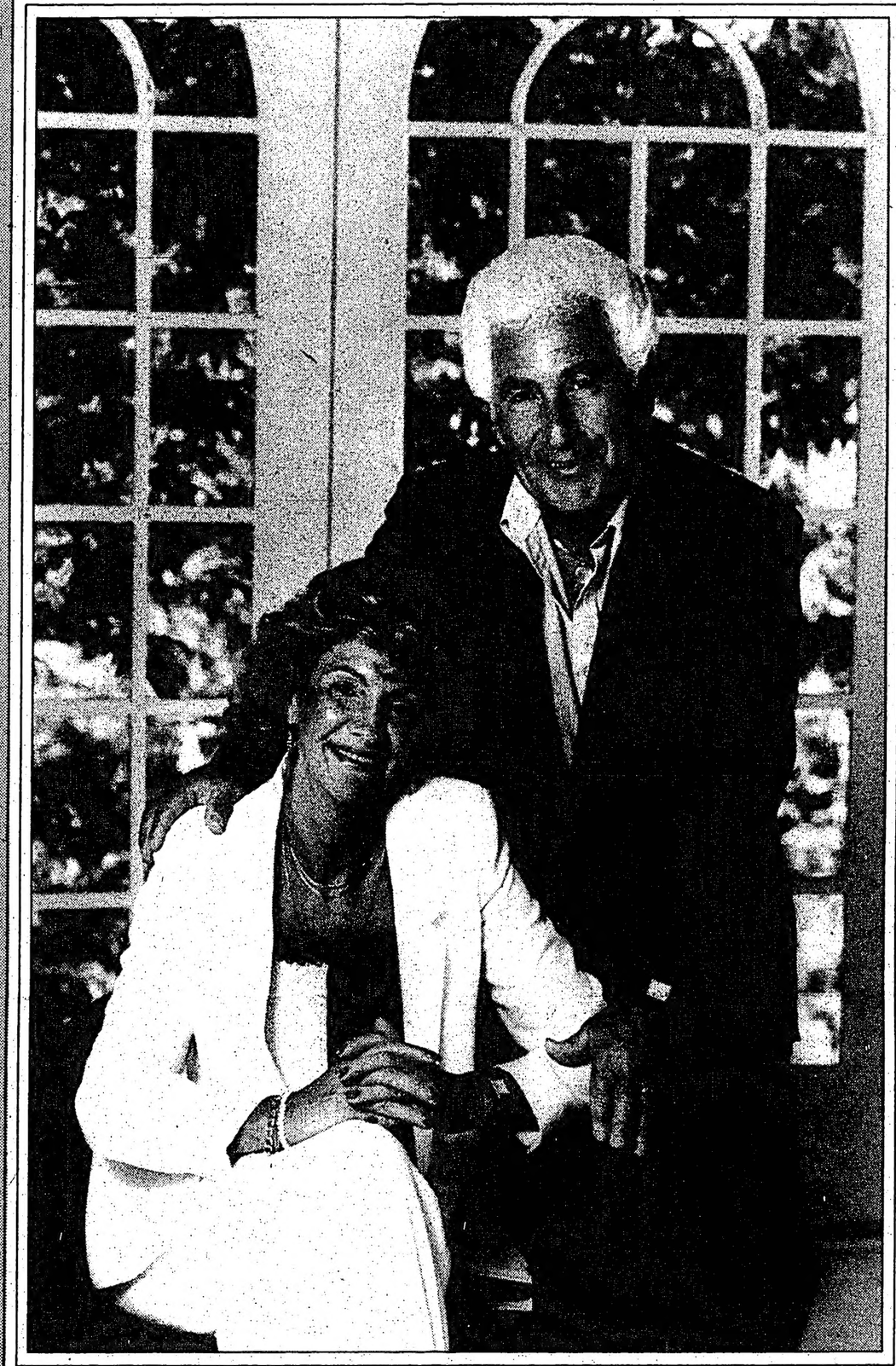

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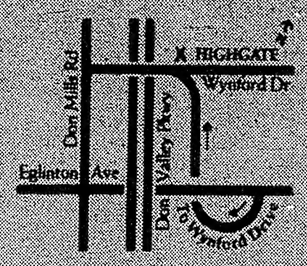

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Israel and Diaspora:

Toward a New Zionism

By
SHALOM LAPPIN

In the course of history, societies may undergo two distinct types of social and political change. The first involves a change in policies, where this development takes place within the framework of an established set of norms which have defined the political life of the society up to that point. While new approaches to certain social and economic problems are adopted, continuity in the basic assumptions governing the society's life is maintained. This sort of change is a natural and essential feature of Western liberal democracies. It is generally brought about through the election of a new party to the government, but it may occur when an existing government alters its course in mid-term. In the second variety of change, a society adopts not merely new policies, but a different set of political values. It undergoes a radical transformation of its self-image in which it replaces (in part or in whole) its basic paradigm of social order. Change of this kind is often the result of violent revolution or social upheaval, but this need not be the case. The restoration of democracy in Greece and in Spain, for example, was achieved through a peaceful transfer of power from authoritarian rulers to elected regimes.

FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES IN SOCIAL PARADIGM

I would argue that Israel has been undergoing a fundamental change in social paradigm over the last few years. Consider the following four examples of transition in long-standing public policies.

First, the drawing of the country's borders was traditionally regarded as a pragmatic question to be determined by considerations of security, and the political realities of the area. Previous governments did not reject the idea that Jews have a religious and historical attachment to Eretz Yisrael in its entirety. But they did not regard this as a sufficient basis for deciding the country's territorial limits. The Begin regime is committed to the view that Israel's borders must be defined primarily on the basis of a religious-historical claim. In particular, the West Bank and Gaza Strip (as well as the Golan) must remain under Israeli sovereignty by virtue of the fact that they are part of historical Eretz Yisrael. On this new policy, questions of security and Israel's relations with the Arabs both inside and outside of the territories it controls are subordinated to an abstract historical land claim. The absorption of these territories is pursued regardless of the cost which it entails to the resident Arab population, or to Israeli society.

In the past, the Zionist movement regarded settlement as a means of establishing an economically viable Jewish presence in Israel. Settlements were created both for reasons of security and in order to develop the agricultural and industrial foundations of the country. The current settlement program is designed to secure Jewish control of territory in areas densely populated by Palestinian Arabs. These settlements are generally not economically productive, but serve as residential suburbs for settlers to commute to jobs in the cities of Israel. They are heavily subsidized through government grants, and are constructed largely by Arab labour.

A second example: one of the most basic principles of the founding generation of Israeli leaders, which continued to influence the development of Israeli society for many years, is that Israel must be built by Jewish labour. This idea has its roots in the belief that only by developing an economy sustained by Jewish labour could the Zionist movement hope to achieve the social reconstruction of the Jewish people which was necessary to support its political independence. On this view, the Jewish claim to sovereignty in Israel will only prove viable if Jews also achieve economic independence through performing productive, as well as managerial and entrepreneurial, tasks. In recent years, Arab labour from the West Bank and Gaza has become increasingly important to the Israeli economy. Many industries rely largely on imported Arab workers for their manpower. These workers are often paid less than their Israeli counterparts, and the use of Arab child labour has become a common phenomenon. This has resulted in a situation in which many Israelis stigmatize manual labour, referring to it disdainfully as "avodah Aravite" (Arab work). In addition, the focus of economic activity has tended to shift from industry and agriculture to speculative and entrepreneurial enterprises. Government investment in both industrial development and social programs has declined significantly, as increasing amounts of money are diverted into its settlement activities.

Thirdly, until recently, a principle which formed a major component of the national consensus in Israel is that the country goes to war only when its security is seriously and immediately threatened, and no apparent alternative to military action is available. The recent war in Lebanon destroyed this consensus. According to the government's own explanation of its conduct of the war, the operation was undertaken in order to achieve a political and military situation in Lebanon which is more favourable to Israel's long range interests. No one in the army or the government seriously suggested that the operation was prompted by an imminent security threat, and it has been generally acknowledged by the political and military architects of the campaign (not least among them Former Defence Minister Ariel Sharon) that the objective was to achieve political, rather than strictly military results. One might wish to argue that the war was justified by its achievements although the enormous cost in soldiers' lives and civilian casualties measured against the untenable situation in which Israel now finds itself in Lebanon makes it difficult to see how such an argument could succeed). But even the proponents of this position must recognize that the war in Lebanon constitutes an important departure from a long established policy.

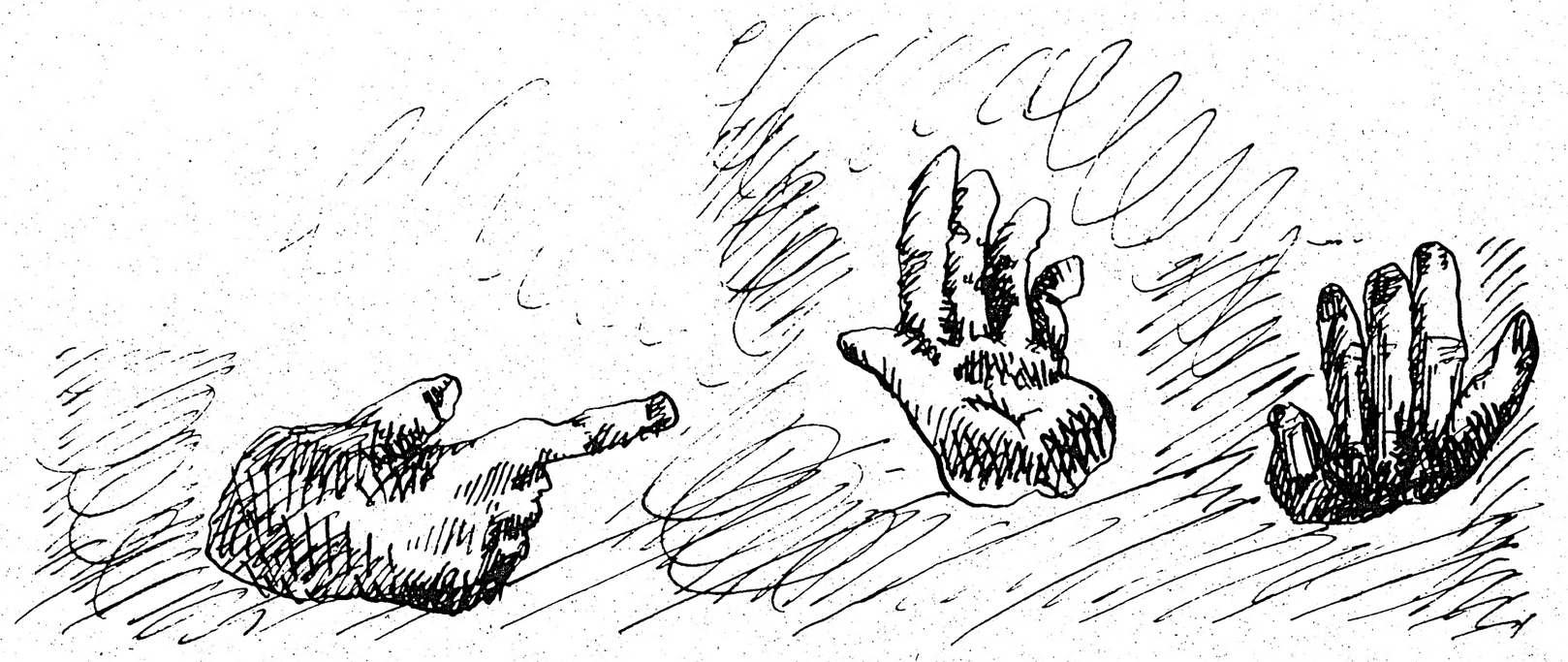
As a final example of basic change in Israeli public attitudes consider the status of the principle of equality under the law. This principle is basic to any functional democracy, and it has been essential to Israeli society since its creation. This is not to say that the principle has never been violated, but its centrality as a norm against which to judge the behaviour of government was never in dispute. In recent years an alarming trend has emerged toward the acceptance of a semi-official double standard in the application of laws on the West Bank and Gaza. When Arabs commit acts of violence and terrorism, they are severely punished. Even when the perpetrators of a crime are not caught, entire villages in the area where an incident has taken place are put under curfew, and the military government uses techniques of collective punishment. When vigilantes among Jewish settlers engage in comparable acts against Arabs, they are rarely, if ever, prosecuted, and collective punishment is never used. Investigations are announced, but are generally dropped shortly afterwards (recall, for example, the investigation following the attack on three West Bank mayors in 1978).

Last year the Ministry of Justice appointed Deputy Attorney General Yehudit Karp to head a committee charged with investigating vigilante violence against Palestinian residents of the West Bank. She resigned several months ago because, she claimed, intervention by political leaders and government inaction prevented the prosecution of Jewish offenders. This pattern has moved beyond the West Bank. The government was surprisingly feeble in its condemnation of the murder of Emile Grunzweig, a Peace Now activist who was killed by a grenade thrown at a Peace Now demonstration in Jerusalem in February of this year. A strong statement came not from the Prime Minister's office, but from (then) President Yitzchak Navon. This sort of inconsistency has encouraged the theory, initally proposed by certain extremist groups, that there are now different standards of justice for different groups of people.

OFFICIAL REVISION OF ISRAEL'S IMAGE

I think it is difficult to maintain that the four examples I have cited are simply instances of normal political change in which a new government has replaced some of the policies of its predecessors, while retaining the basic foundation of public norms. One could argue that the changes which I have enumerated (and many others) began under previous Labour administrations, and that the Begin government is, in effect, continuing to build on many of the precedents which Labour established. Thus, Labour initiated settlement on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and began the large scale importation of Arab labour. Moreover instances of unequal application of the law to Jews and Arabs were not unknown under Labour rule. This view is partially correct. But, while (most) developments of this kind were in obvious conflict with the stated principles of the government and constituted a source of embarrasment (or at least unease), the present regime has endorsed them as legitimate realizations of accepted policy. In so doing, it has given notice of an official revision of Israel's public image, and brought this transition to the level of basic paradigm change.

The war in Lebanon and its aftermath has considerably exacerbated tensions between the supporters and the opponents of the new paradigm. A letter which I received several months ago from a friend in Israel gives a brief account of the interchanges which took place at a protest vigil held in Tel Aviv's Kikar Malchei Yisrael. The description conveys something of the atmosphere of intense polarization which has taken hold of the country. "I find the various scrub group debates that go on in the municipal square among the 150 to 200 people who are always there on a come and go basis fascinating, saddening and frightening. We never meet the same faces twice but



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Viewpoints

Editor's Notebook

For nineteen and a half centuries, a shared religious faith served to bind together the far-flung Jewish communities of the Diaspora so that they became, to use Mordecai Kaplan's phrase — 'a transnational people'. To-day, in our post-secularist world, faith is no longer the tie that binds. It becomes increasingly evident, as, (happily), more and more material flows across our desk, that the single concern most widely shared by all Canadian Jews, be they religious, secularist, Yiddishist — or just plain Jewish — is the dream and the reality of Israel. For the foreseeable future, this will be the tie that binds the generations of the Jewish people, one to the other.

This issue of Viewpoints might therefore well be subtitled: Variations on a Canadian-Israeli theme. Our lead article by Professor Shalom Lappin is a most thoughtful and closely reasoned analysis of the stresses and strains inevitably resulting from the attempt to move from the Zionist dream to the Israeli reality. Obviously motivated by his deep love both of Zion and the Jewish people, he concludes with some striking insights leading to a new concept of Zionism, one in which Israel and the Diaspora might share equally in the responsibility our heritage imposes on all of us to ensure the future of the Jewish people throughout the world.

We continue our examination of Canadian perceptions of Israel which started in our last issue with David Dewitt's cogent analysis of official Canadian Government policy on Israel during the last few decades. Professor Sally Zerker presents a survey of Israeli society as perceived in the groves of Academe; and Nick Simmonds discusses the views of the Canadian corporate establishment on this subject.

Aviva Ravel follows with another variation on our Canadian Israeli theme: this one in a minor key, as it were. For her story, in a typically Jewish ironic vein, traces the efforts of a Canadian Jew to slip the bonds of our affluent society and emigrate to Israel. Her wry dénoument could happen 'only in Israel'.

Professor Harold Waller takes issue with the thesis advanced recently by Pierre Laporte of the "Office de la Langue Française" in Quebec, that a parallel can be drawn between the efforts of Israel to protect and advance the use of Hebrew in Israel, and his department's efforts to do the same for French in Quebec. Waller offers several trenchant arguments in support of his view, and challenges the Quebec Government to truly follow Israel's policy, which is to encourage the majority (Jewish) to speak and improve their Hebrew, but in no way to coerce the minority (Arab) to do so by legislation as the Parti Québecois has done here.

Donna Steinberg, a young Montreal novelist has sent us a witty review of the best selling book: The Official J.A.P. Handbook. In it she launches a few barbed shafts of her own against those who unthinkingly stereotype her entire generation.

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the lines are drawn, the debating rules adhered to as though they were plainly written up on a bulletin board. It's amazing how a situation can define itself so clearly on its own. There is no violence but there is anger, and insults are exchanged by the debaters, mostly by the redneck bunch that comes to "Enlighten" the Shalom Achshav types ... the simplistic arguments of the right are frightening ... It was interesting, but a guy who was obviously a German, who was holding a child in his arms, and by the looks of his wife, had converted to Judaism pleaded with the rightnicks not to repeat the words he had heard in Germany when he was growing up ... One only hopes that the martyred Grunzweig will prevent this society from leaping over into the abyss of violence. For you ... and in fact all people who are planning to return here or make aliya, the question of inner stability becomes no less a real factor now than jobs, housing, proper income and schools for children."

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While most Israelis are well aware of what is at stake in the current turmoil which grips their society, North American Jews, and particularly Canadian Jews, have, for the most part, chosen to avoid the issue or suppress it. There have been few, if any discussions within the Jewish community of the conflict of values now at work in Israel and its implications for world Jewry. The Jewish press has, with several exceptions, stayed scrupulously clear of controversy on this issue, and the question is rarely brought up in other forums of the community. Several prominent Jews have expressed dissatisfaction with particular actions of the Israeli government, and there has been a certain amount of debate on the propriety of voicing opposition to Israel's policies outside of the Jewish community. However, there has been little willingness to discuss the problems posed by the situation in Israel within the community.

Several factors contribute to this state of affairs. One is the fact that the official leadership of the Jewish community (and the representatives of the Israeli government abroad) have sought to maintain the impression that the change in Israel's orientation is nothing more than an instance of the normal policy alterations which accompany the election of a new government. Israel is presented as remaining faithful to its commitments as a society founded on liberal democratic institutions, and the traditional Jewish values of peace and justice. The new approach which it has adopted to certain of its domestic and foreign problems are not, it is maintained, compatible with these commitments. They are a matter of essentially internal concern and fall outside of the legitimate domain of interest of Diaspora Jewry. According to this view, what has changed is not the character of Israel's self-image, but the degree of hostility to Israel in the world. This, rather than any transformation of Israeli society has distorted the way in which Israel is regarded abroad. It should be apparent by now that this view is untenable. While there is no shortage of anti-Israel (and anti-Jewish) sentiment in the world, it is clear that the changes which have taken place in Israel have touched the foundations of its society. These changes cannot simply be passed off as the formulation of a more conservative economic and social policy, or the taking of a tougher stand on security matters.

A second factor which has worked against open discussion of events in Israel within the Jewish community is the effectiveness with which opponents of such discussions have promoted the view that any criticism of the Israeli government, within the community, as well as in a general public forum, undermines Israel's security. According to this approach, Jews in the Diaspora are obliged to accept the Israeli government as the best judge of Israel's needs and interests, and to support its general position. Ruth Wisse offers a clear statement of this view in her article "Peace Now & American Jews" (Commentary , Vol 70, No. 2. August, 1980, p.17-22). She summarizes the principle which, she argues, should govern Israel-Diaspora relations (and which, she claims, has done so until now) as follows: "The Jews who choose to remain in the Diaspora are free to function in their own lands as they wish, and as they can, but in assisting, supporting, and caring for the survival and security of Israel, they have to follow the guidelines of the elected government of the state, which has been entrusted with the powers of rule." (p.21). This argument raises at least two serious problems. First, while expressing opposition to Israel's policies in inappropriate contexts (for example, participating in an anti-Zionist political event) can be both destructive and self-defeating, it is not clear why loyalty to Israel obliges Jews to refrain from critical consideration of developments in Israel within the Jewish community. If discussion within the community is ruled out, then it seems that Diaspora Jews have no framework within which they are entitled to express their concern over an issue which is of paramount importance to them. This line of reasoning leads to the extraordinary conclusion that Jews in the Diaspora are required to endorse the policies of any Israeli government, regardless of what these policies are.

Secondly, advocates of the principle of adherence to the government line do not always apply this principle consistently. Although they object to appearances of Peace Now representatives in North America, they have been strangely unconcerned about other varieties of dissent. In February, 1982 Rabbi Chaim Druckman of the National Religious Party led a group of Israeli political figures opposed to Israel's final withdrawal from Sinai on a tour of North American Jewish communities. Their purpose was to encourage Diaspora support for Israelis who were resisting (often violently) completion of the withdrawal. The leadership of the Jewish community, and those opposed to dissent expressed little, if any criticism of Rabbi Druckman's tour. Similarly, groups such as Emunim-U.S.A. operate within the Jewish community on behalf of Israeli political organizations which frequently oppose government policy as too moderate and occasionally engage in actions of civil disobedience (or violent resistance). To the best of my knowledge, these groups are not subjected to the sort of inquisitorial opposition and questioning of credentials which often greets supporters of Peace Now. Thus, several standards for the evaluation of dissent appear to be in effect.

REVISIONISTS DISSENTED OPENLY

It is worth noting that in the past, security considerations did not prevent profound disagreements among different elements within the Zionist movement. For example, in 1935 the Revisionists under the leadership of Zeev Jabotinsky broke away from the World Zionist Organization to form the New Zionist Organization. They did not limit expression of their opposition to the policies of Chaim Weizman and the official Zionist leadership to the Jewish community in the Diaspora or the Yishuv. Jabotinsky negotiated directly with leaders in the non-Jewish world, and presented himself as an alternative to the Zionist leadership. Supporters of Jabotinsky split with the Hagana, the mainstream underground Jewish defence force in mandatory Palestine, in 1931 in order to organize the Irgun. The latter did not accept the authority of the Hagana, and waged its own campaign against British colonial rule. (For a brief but informative history of Revisionism, see Walter Laqueur, A History of Zionism , Weidenfeld and Nicolson, London, 1972.) It is important to recognize that the Revisionists undertook these actions at a time when the Zionist movement was in a precarious situation, and the Jews of Europe were facing imminent danger. The Balfour Declaration had been effectively cancelled by the British, who halted Jewish immigration. The situation of the Jewish Communities of Europe had become intolerable as they faced the threat of Nazism and other forms of anti-Semitism. The Revisionists did not embark on their course of action out of a lack of concern for Jewish security, or indifference to the objectives of the Zionist movement. They were convinced that their approach represented the only way to achieve Jewish independence in Israel, and that they were therefore justified in breaking ranks with the rest of the Zionist movement. While Israel continues to face a constant security threat, Jewish independence has been established in a way which did not seem accessible at the time of Jabotinsky's secession from the Zionist Organization. Given the Revisionist background of Begin and much of his government, there is a certain amount of irony in opponents of dissent insisting that criticism of the Begin regime undermines Israel's security.

Letter to the Editor

Sir:
The article by Joseph Baumholz in May's issue of Viewpoints is deserving of a commentary.

Mr. Baumholz said "The Québecois aspirations do not encroach upon Jews". Perhaps he should be questioned by some of our Jewish youth who are participating in the exodus from Quebec. Or, for another example, his "Quebec nationalism has been overrated" is something that survivors of the debacle in Europe should get a shot at.

The last paragaph of Joseph Baumholz's article is where I find he begins to get on track. He spoke there of an "active spiritual rebirth" and of "a few Jewish leaders to rekindle hope".

It would be refreshing to see and hear new Jewish leaders speak in a context of Jews being Jewish-Canadians who will not tolerate persecution of any language community, of any race or color, and that preservation of human rights and liberties for all is our prime concern.

It is most discouraging to see community leaders take refuge in false hopes and wishful thinking when they employ a tone such as: "The language laws are repugnant in many respects, but they are not directed against Jews". That is a classic example of the kind of thinking which helps perpetuate the Jew in Diaspora as a pariah.

Reuven Carin

Response from J. Baumholz:

Quebec Jews are individually fighting inequities as exemplified by the fact that the President and many active members of Alliance Quebec are Jews. It would be counterproductive in several ways, not the least of which would be financial, should Jewish Organizations take over the job that is being done by volunteers and paid for by non-Jewish sources.

With regard to Mr. Carin's examples, here are a couple of rhetorical questions. Don't other anglophones and, indeed, francophones leave Quebec for the same reasons? What does the 25% Jewish population that is francophone say about the Canadian Jewish Congress waving the anglophone flag? Can the Riel Rebellion in 1837 or the October crisis in 1970 be compared to the Holocaust or even the Keegstra Affair in terms of either anti-semitism or of violence?

Mr. Carin's letter reflects some of the present paranoic perceptions of Quebec Jews and it is precisely this tendency to see the situation as being specifically directed against Jews (which it is not) that underlines the urgent need for Jewish leaders who can deal positively with the problem.

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ZIONISM NO LONGER HAS AN IDEOLOGICAL ROLE

Finally, a third factor which obstructs the emergence of critical discussion within the community is the fact that Zionism ceased to function as a significant ideological movement in the Diaspora shortly after the creation of the State. Several years following Israel's independence, Ben Gurion proclaimed his doctrine of Shlil haGola (negation of the Diaspora) according to which Jews who chose not to settle in Israel forfeited their right to be considered Zionists. This idea has, in no small measure, determined the relationship between Israel and Diaspora Jewry which has evolved since the establishment of the State. The basis of this relationship is a tacit agreement to the effect that Jews living outside of Israel are permitted to exempt themselves from the imperative of Aliya, and restrict their involvement with Israel to fund raising, public relations, and tourism. In exchange, they give up any claim to participate in discussion of Israel's public policy. As a result of this arrangement, Zionist movements in the Diaspora found themselves largely without a role. Most major constituents of the Zionist movement had traditionally sought to promote not only Jewish independence, but a particular model of a free Jewish society in Israel. They had served as avenues of direct communication between their members in the Diaspora and counterpart groups in Israel devoted to the same objectives. As such, they provided a means for Jewry in the Diaspora committed to the Zionist enterprise to take part in discussion of the basic political and social questions facing the Yishuv. After the creation of the State, many Zionist organizations became merely supplementary fund raising organizations, or social clubs. A few retained their active ideological orientation, but became increasingly inward looking and devoted to images of Israel framed in the pre-State era. Non-ideological communal institutions like the U.J.A. have taken over the major fund raising and lobbying functions.

DIASPORA JEWS CANNOT ESCAPE CHOICES

In this post-Zionist period the Jewish community has come to regard its relationship with Israel as one of non-partisan support for the country. Opponents of dissent accuse those who criticize government policy of violating this consensus of "non-political" commitment in terms of which Diaspora Jewry has come to define its relation to Israel. The idea that in supporting the general position of the Israeli government, Diaspora Jews are remaining neutral with respect to internal political divisions of the country may have had a certain plausibility in the past, when the norms determining official policy enjoyed wide acceptance both within Israel, and in the Diaspora. However, in the present situation, these policies are formulated within a political paradigm which is opposed by a substantial part of the Israeli population. Moreover, the public attitudes which make up this paradigm would, I think, be unacceptable to the majority of North American Jews if they were adopted by their governments at home. Therefore, it is simply not possible to claim that support for the government is identical to non-partisan support for Israel.

Diaspora Jews can not escape the choices involved in the current clash of norms which Israel is experiencing. Activities which, until recently, had been essentially non-ideological in nature, have come to entail a stand on highly controversial political questions. Thus, funds for Israel which the U.J.A. raises in North America are used to finance settlements on the West Bank and Gaza Strip. When North American Jews are asked to lobby their governments on behalf of Israel, they are expected to defend the invasion of Lebanon, and the policy of permanent Israeli control over the territories. In effect, Jews in the Diaspora are being asked to endorse a new and controversial political model without criticism or discussion.

A NEW ZIONISM REQUIRES OPEN DISCUSSION

Israel embodies Jewish independence, and the image which it chooses for itself has profound consequences not only for its own citizens, but for the entire Jewish People. It makes little sense to demand that Diaspora Jews support Israel, but not concern themselves with the kind of society Israel cultivates. Only citizens of the country have the ultimate right to decide its policies. But Diaspora Jewry has every right to express concern over significant changes in its political development. The Jewish community has, until now, not been able to sustain an open and far reaching discussion of the current paradigm change in Israel, and its significance for North American Jewry. A relationship with Israel centered almost entirely on "non-partisan" fund raising and public relations activities does not provide the necessary basis for such a discussion. What is required for such a discussion is a new Zionism in which Diaspora Jews can express their deep commitment to the security of Israel and the well being of its people, while taking issue with the political values of its government.

Canadian Perceptions of Israel

The Academic View

By
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No one knows precisely what that amorphous group, collectively identified as Canadian academe, thinks and feels about Israel. To the best of my knowledge, no hard survey about this subject has been aimed at this one sector of society. Not that such studies are always necessary or even worthwhile, but sometimes they can tell us that our impressions are pretty well founded, or that, on the contrary, some prceptions which we carry around are clearly unfounded. And there seems to be a widespread notion held by Jews in Canada that academics are, on the whole, rather negative towards Israel. That idea follows from an assumption that, more often than not, academics are ideologically to the left of centre, and the left — as we have seen in recent years — has been the source of the most continuous and dogmatic criticism of Israel, with its extreme wing allied to those who call for the dismantling of the Jewish state. Of course, if the assumption about professors' ideological commitments is wrong, one has then also to question the conclusion drawn from it. In any case, by whatever logic arrived at, faulty or otherwise, that conception of academe's essential opposition to Israel is worth exploring.

With that objective in mind, I recently arranged a number of interviews with both Jewish and non-Jewish professors, focusing on the issue of their own attitudes towards Israel, particularly in the aftermath of the Lebanon expedition, and asking also their evaluation of their colleagues' position on this matter, if they could offer an opinion to that effect. I should make it clear that I make no claims that this somewhat casual approach to a big question provided me with scientifically authoritative answers. Nevertheless, some interesting observations surfaced even from an exercise such as this, despite the absence of sampling techniques and carefully drawnup questionnaires.

NO UNIVERSAL PATTERN

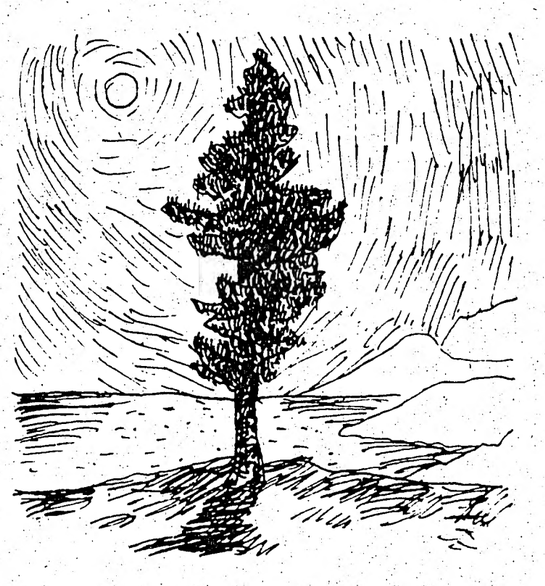
One thing that was evident from the start is that any idea that academics conform to a universal pattern of overt hostility to Israel is simply not true. Rather, it is the case that one can find almost any shade and grade of opinion among professors (a fact which the media has been very adept at exploiting for their own sensationalist and propagandistic aims). One cannot lump professors into one camp, any more than one should expect to be able to compress Canadians generally into a single definable posture. And that is the second observation that emerged: that academics, it seems, are like everyone else, only they make more noise about it. And why not? After all, it's in the nature of their jobs to be more critical and more vocal than most other professionals. Perhaps this characteristic of their work and training also explains why those academics bent on denouncing Israel have utilized their professional skills to that end so effectively.

At one extreme one can find professors teaching in Canadian universities who are undisguised enemies of Israel. In this regard, one thinks of the Jewish law professor who reputedly flies a PLO flag in his office, and whose vitriolic diatribes against Israel reveal that he would like nothing better than to see the total annihilation of the Jewish state. But he is representative of the Marxist-Leninist fringe — and it is a very small, although noisy fragment within Canadian universities, which is currently dominated by anti-Israel dogma. On the whole, Marxist-Leninists in any sector of Canadian society are dismissible, not only because they have no following to speak of, but because they are regarded as crackpots by the broader-based socialist groups, who would prefer to avoid contact with them even when they seemingly take supportive stands on many political and economic issues.

ARAB SUPPORT GROWING

Far more serious, from the point of view of support for Israel within Canadian academe, is the growing number of Canadian scholars who seek to expand their influence on behalf of the Arab cause. More and more, a group of such like-minded individuals from our universities have been arranging meetings with Canadian government officials to press their specific pro-Arab, anti-Israel approach. They argue that Canadian policy in the past has harmed Canadian interests by its unwarranted favouritism towards Israel. For this group the moral claim is wholly on the Arabs' side, while Israel is presented as the militaristic usurper of Arab lands, without either historical or moral justification. Many academics committed to this outlook and to such political activism are professors attached to Near Eastern Departments in Canadian universities, and some of these are also of Arab descent. The growth of this segment of academia is in part attributable to the expansion of the Arab ethnic contingent in the population generally, and specifically in universities where the number of Arab students has grown, such as Calgary and Carleton in Ottawa. It was no accident that a conference on Canadian-Arab relations held in June 1981, where speakers included the leader of the Liberal Party's pro-PLO faction as well as those academics most openly anti-Israel, took place at the University of Calgary.

Nevertheless, these opponents of Israel are far and away in the minority. The vast majority of Canadian academics, both Jewish and non-Jewish, do not question Israel's historical and moral legitimacy. As one historian put it, if a referendum were to be held among Canadian scholars, 99% would come out in favour of Israel's right to exist. That does not mean that all those interviewed had identical rationales for this position. Some simply regarded the question of Israel's legitimacy as irrelevant; it was an historical reality, to be accepted and dealt with. Others were more pointed and willing to expand on this theme. For example, one



recalled the involuntary nature of earlier Jewish expulsions and the centuries of struggle to retain Jewish identity in preparation for a return. Another noted that the question of Israel's legitimacy is usually raised by those who wish to see Israel destroyed.

A third, who is deeply involved with the Canadian Council of Churches and who helped draft the Council's statement on the Arab-Israeli conflict, although recognizing that Israel's right to exist as a nation was a fundamental precondition for any solution to the Middle East conflict, also took issue with what he regarded as the Israeli government's exploitation of this point. He held that Israel used the question of recognition as a ploy to justify policies which in fact are not designed to defend its security. And he also maintained that the Arabs have come a long way towards accepting Israel without openly stating as much, while Israel's "demand for recognition as a precondition for negotiations" (an entirely false accusation!) may be inhibiting the peace process.

ISRAEL'S LEGITIMACY SUPPORTED

Hence, Canadian academics, by and large, whether tacitly or more positively, have endorsed Israel's legitimacy. Remember too, that the Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East takes as one of its starting points, Israel's right to security and peace. Members who belong to the CPPME are therefore committed to this principle, and currently there are approximately 900 members in the organization.

On the other hand, more than one professor emphasized that the question of Israel's right to exist should not be confused with endorsement of specific Israeli practices and policies. No one doubted that presently there is much greater resistance among academics to the actions of the Israeli government than there was a decade ago. Everyone pointed to a lessening of support for Israel in recent years, a change that began well before the Lebanon expedition last summer.

For what reason or reasons? Analyses varied. Many thought the main cause of the attitudinal shift was Prime Minister Begin's and the Likud party's policies generally, and particularly as these related to the West Bank and Gaza. However, more than one interviewee qualified this point, emphasizing that although Begin was a factor in the shift away from support for Israel, he did not initiate the process, and should be seen as the inheritor of twenty years of geopolitical transformations as well as errors on the part of the previously ruling Labour Party. And the commercial media, unsuited as they are to deal with complexities, have continually simplified events in the Middle East into polarities, only now Begin has the "bad guy" designation which previously was reserved for PLO terrorists. Nowadays, many professors who still believe that the PLO is a band of thugs also regard Begin as yet another thug.

PESSIMISM ABOUT EARLY PEACE

Another common theme explaining the falling sympathy for Israel, according to these sources, was academics' increasing consciousness of the claims of the Palestinians and their growing approval for the idea of a Palestinian "homeland" of some sort. Most were hesitant about prescribing the nature of that homeland; a more usual approach was to offer a summary of possible options. But there was also a good deal of pessimism about the prospects of arriving at a resolution of the conflict in the Middle East, partly because of the current Israeli government's intentions for the West Bank, but also because of Arab self-deceptions and internecine struggles. One professor believes that to even talk about "solutions" is unrealistic and naive, that the religious, ethnic and ideological difference will not go away, and that fifty years from now tensions will still persist. At best, the parties in the region can

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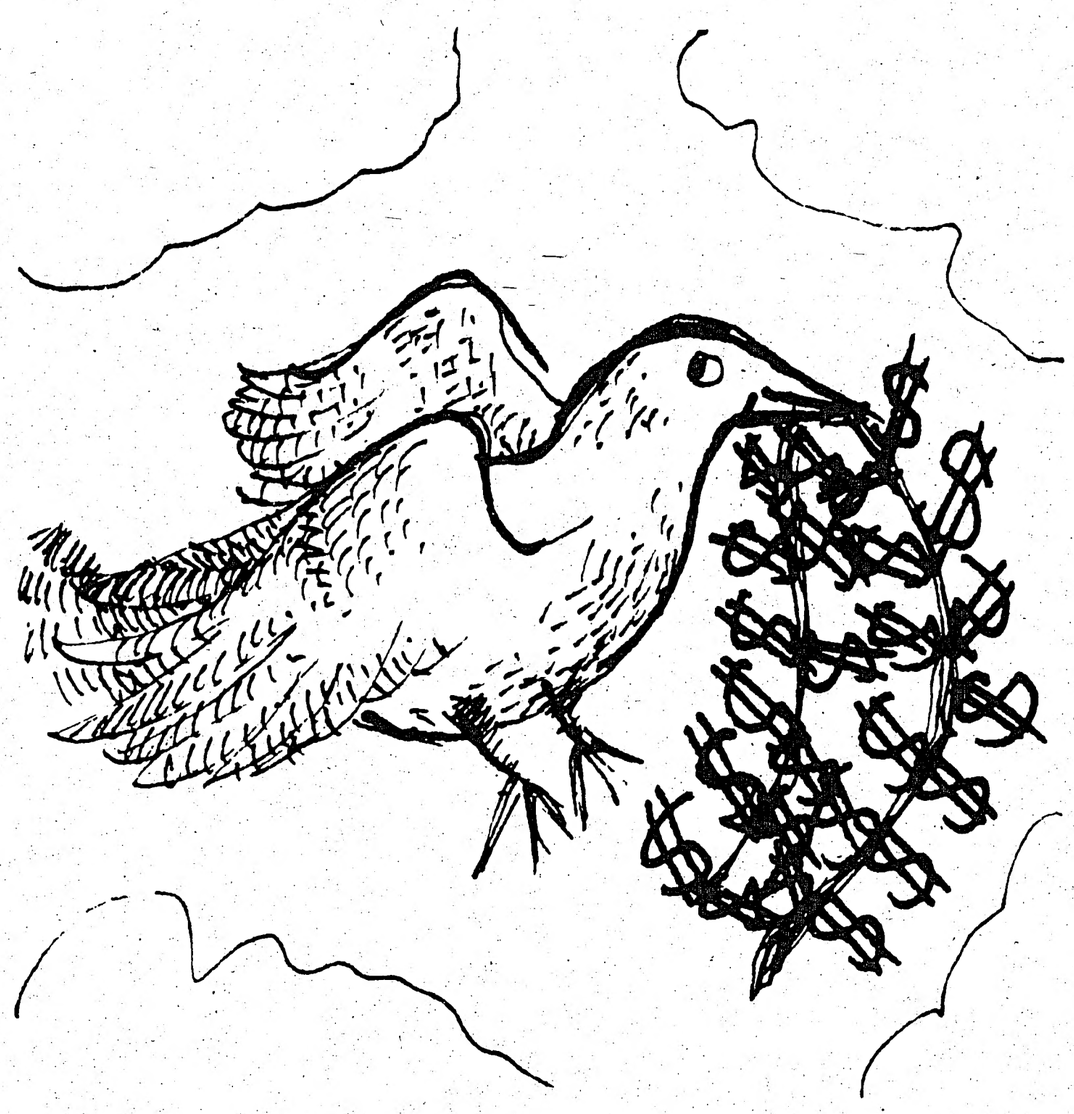

This paper addresses the issue of the attitudes towards and the perceptions of Israel held by the Canadian corporate community. The latter term refers to "big business" and not to the sentiments of the many businessmen active in Canada in small or medium sized enterprises. It should be noted that corporate attitudes on international attitudes may differ somewhat from private attitudes of the individuals holding senior corporate positions. On some issues on which corporations have no positions, these same individuals may yet feel strongly. We shall be concerned with the attitudes of the business community in a collective institutional sense.

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This study does not include the attitudes of Jewish members of the Canadian corporate community within its purview. In relation to matters concerning Israel, these attitudes require separate investigation. In addition, this essay does not purport to be a scientific analysis. Rather, it is in the nature of a commentary, an amalgam of impressions and hypotheses accumulated "in the field."

The traditional assertion that the business community is generally "conservative" or favours "stability" suffers from the severe limitations inherent in all sweeping generalizations. Even the seeming truism that business prefers conditions conducive to its growth, profit, etc., is subject to a caveat in terms of defining the precise nature of these "conducive conditions," which tend to be subject to the vicissitudes of time, place, politics and socio-economic circumstances. Within the Canadian context, it must also be borne in mind that corporate input into the foreign policy process tends to be **ad hoc.** There are few, if any, institutionalized channels through which corporate views are transmitted to the nation's foreign policy elite on an ongoing basis.

We can begin by focusing on the Canada-Israel relationship insofar as it attracts corporate attention or promotes corporate political activity. In 1981, Canada and Israel exchanged goods and services totalling approximately $175 million (U.S.). The lion's share of this ($120m.) consists of Canadian exports to Israel. This figure ranks Israel at 23rd among this country's 150 trading partners world-wide.

According to Professor Noah Meltz, writing in the May 1982 issue of the **Middle East Focus**, the significance of the relationship is much greater than is suggested by the trade statistics. In fact, he maintains, not only has Israel has always been responsible for a significant portion of this country's trade with the Middle East, but if the distorting effect of crude oil imports is excluded, Israel is by far our largest Middle-East supplier.

ARAB WEALTH ECLIPSES ISRAEL

Nevertheless, there is no question that our very significant trade deficit with Middle East oil exporting nations, together with their enormous wealth, lead Canadians in general and the business community in particular to discount Israel's importance as a trading partner. At a recent luncheon seminar organized by the Metro Toronto Board of Trade for small businesses contemplating entering the export market, the three panelists dwelt almost exclusively on the vast potential of the Saudi-Arabian market and repeatedly referred to "Middle-Eastern" rules, regulations, business practices and socio-cultural values which apply only in Arab countries. It was left to this writer to point out that Israel is also part of the Middle East and that most of the generalizations made by the panelists do not apply in Israel's case. Inasmuch as Canadian businessmen dwell on Israel at all, their perceptions appear to be based on a fundamental, generally positive attitude on which are grafted secondary reactions which are predicated upon specific events and issues in the Middle-East — some of which directly affect Canada and Canadian businesses and some of which do not. With regard to the basic attitude, certain general observations would seem to be valid. Within the senior echelons of the Canadian corporate establishment, Israel is seen as a "tough" "efficient" country with a very productive agricultural sector. As a consequence of its military prowess, there is also an appreciation of Israel's technological capabilities — primarily in relation to their military applications — but not excluding achievements in medicine and energy-related industries. These perceptions are intertwined with more generalized romantic images which may be shared by many Canadians, of a small beleaguered and sun-scorched country in which the desert has been made to bloom and in which beautiful, amazon-like women fight side by side with the men.

To a significant degree, these corporate images have been engendered through business and social contact with Jewish peers. A number of gentile Canadian business leaders have served on the boards of the Canadian fund-raising affiliates of Israel-based educational, scientific and cultural institutions such as the Weizmann Institute, the Technion, J.N.F., Boystown and the Israeli universities.

Of the events and issues in recent Middle-East history which have served to create additional attitudes, the following appear to be of greatest significance: the Arab oil embargo of 1973 and the subsequent mammoth escalations in crude oil prices; the Arab economic boycott; the proposal to move the Canadian embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem and the recent Israeli incursion into Lebanon.

The Canadian business community was not alone in seeing the waxing of OPEC as both threat and opportunity. In actual fact, it was somewhat slower in drawing these conclusions than was the case in other industrialized nations. The opportunities were perceived as twofold: the possibility that large amounts of Arab capital would flow into western economies and the chance to supply manufactured products to potentially huge new export markets. Naturally, this caused a restructuring of perceptions regarding the power and influence of the Arab oil producing nations. The Arab Boycott, which had hitherto been all but ignored, suddenly assumed greater significance in Canadian corporate thinking.

'BOTTOM-LINE' THINKING

Against this background, Israel's image was bound to be affected. It was not so much a question of a new animosity, but rather of a dawning realisation in the minds of some members of the corporate establishment and — lest through omission we imply their innocence — on the part of leading figures in the nation's governmental foreign and trade policy elites — that dealing with Israel could be "problematic." As one Canadian official told this writer, "Businessmen tend to view matters according to the bottom line. What is the potential, what are the requirements and how great is the risk? Although any commercial or business enterprise is not without risk, in the case of Israel, the risk is often perceived to be excessive." In a 1977 report on the application of the Arab Boycott in Canada published by the Montreal-based Commission on Economic Coercion and Discrimination, this problem was summed up as follows: "Our investigation has revealed that the Arab boycott is beginning to have a 'chilling' effect on Canadian firms who do business — or are contemplating doing business — with Israel . . . There is developing, therefore, what may be called the 'shadow boycott' — the voluntary or involuntary cessation or refusal to engage in transactions which might be deemed by the Arabs to be unfriendly behaviour." It is unfortunate that in Canada, the absence of federal legislation preventing companies from subjecting themselves to the boycott has allowed the "shadow boycott" to assume much greater significance than is the case in the United States where legislation does exist. The above facts notwithstanding, it should in fairness be noted that a number of major Canadian companies refused to succumb to these fears and have actively pursued business opportunities in Israel and elsewhere in the region. If we can use membership — or non-membership — in the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce as a barometer to measure the effects of the "shadow boycott" there have only been two instances in the recent past in which it would have been reasonable to assume that this phenomenon influenced a company to cancel or refuse membership. However, the absence of any compulsory reporting mechanism to catalogue instances of boycott-related pressure or compliance means that for the most part, it is impossible to gauge the true effects of the boycott on Canadian business.

ILL-FATED ISSUE

The issue which probably had the greatest impact on Canada's corporate community was the ill-fated promise by candidate and later Prime Minister Joe Clark, to transfer Canada's embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. More than any other issue, this caused Canada's corporate establishment to perceive a clear and imminent threat to its collective interest.

The details of the Jerusalem imbroglio are well known, and within the Canadian Jewish community the scars have yet to heal completely. For the purposes of this essay, it will suffice to limit discussion to the actions and pronouncements of the Canadian business community.

The first public salvo was fired by Bell Canada just ten days after the Clark government had been sworn in. The Globe and Mail of June 16, 1979 reported that Bell was claiming that it was in danger of losing a $1.1 billion contract in Saudi Arabia. A company spokesman indicated that the implications for Canada would be serious. "Foreign activities such as the Saudi project provide employment, raise the Canadian identity abroad and make it easier for other companies to land international contracts . . ." he said. A week later, Laurent Beaudion, president of Bombardier called a press conference to announce that he had appealed to the Prime Minister to reconsider the embassy move. In his cable to Mr. Clark, Beaudion said that Bombardier was negotiating the sale of 200 locomotives worth about $200 million in revenue to a number of Moslem countries. "The long years of effort which our company has devoted not only to developing these markets, but also to creating with its Arab and Moslem partners a climate of confidence and friendship now stand to be impaired by the announcement of a policy we perfectly understand cannot be acceptable to the Arab countries and to the Islamic community.

Against a background of unprecedented diplomatic and corporate lobbying, some Jewish business leaders who served on the boards of major companies and financial institutions began to feel the displeasures of

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create positive tendencies and make the tensions more bearable, he thought.

Were there any noticeable differences between Jewish and gentile responses? Clearly the Jews were more directly and emotionally involved when discussing Israel than were the gentiles. One noticed the symptoms of deep feeling — anger, worry, discomfort, caring. To some extent the Jews were better informed, about past events or about the origin and meaning of Zionism. But this point should not be pressed too strongly. One finds gentile academics who are very knowledgeable about the Middle East conflict and who rest their opinions on solid evidence. On the other hand, there are Jewish professors who know little about these matters and care even less.

Some only took to "caring" last summer when they paraded their Jewishness in order to underscore criticism of Begin and Sharon. Typical of this metamorphosis was the Marxist professor who had so rejected his Jewishness that he conciously chose to deny his children a Jewish education, yet at a public meeting last summer he trotted out his "Jewish roots" in order to make his points of opposition.

But as we all know, professors were not the only Jews who suddenly discovered their Jewishness last summer. The universities and its faculties are not separate and apart from society. The idea that the universities lead and society follows has long since been exposed as an illusion. Rather, universities are a reflection of the society in which they operate. Therefore, it should come as no surprise that Canadian professors react to Israel much as do their fellow citizens, and that the shifts in academe's attitudes correspond very closely to changes in Canadian public opinion.

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their colleagues and business associates. They reported back to the Jewish community that for the first time, they felt vulnerable to the accusations of "double loyalty."

On June, 28, 1979, the Globe and Mail reported that Iraq was threatening to halt crude oil exports to Canada if the Canadian government went ahead with the embassy move. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Clark effectively deferred the issue by appointing Robert Stanfield to conduct a fact finding mission. However, this did not satisfy Canadian businessmen with interests in Arab countries. They were looking for a complete volte-face by the Prime Minister and claimed that Arab clients were withholding contracts until the government made up its mind. on July 21, 1979, Arthur Erickson, head of the Vancouver based architectural firm which at that time claimed to be doing 60 percent of its business in the Middle East, told a Globe and Mail reporter that a $4 million contract in Saudi Arabia had been shelved. A spokesman for the SNC Group of Montreal told the same reporter that although his company's existing contracts seemed to be secure, he was worried about the future business. "So far, reports of a contract freeze are still unofficial. But we are led to believe that they do not appreciate this wait-and-see situation" he said. In the same report, companies such as Canadair, Litton Systems and Atco Ltd. expressed the hope that the crisis had been defused.

In its public pronouncements on the issue of lost business, Ottawa disputed the orders of magnitude cited by corporate spokesmen. In s statement to the House of Commons on October 15, International Trade Minister Michael Wilson stated that contracts valued at approximately $4.5 million had been cancelled. The following day, the Globe and Mail reported that an official associated with one of the projects cited by Mr. Wilson had denied that it had been affected. Nevertheless, the rest, as they say, is history. On October 29, Prime Minister Clark formally announced that he had accepted Mr. Stanfield's recommendation against relocating Canada's embassy in Israel.

BUSINESS NOT ANTI-ISRAEL

One particularly interesting fact emerges from this somewhat cursory examination and from various conversations with business leaders. The anger of the business community vis-a-vis the embassy issue was not really directed at Israel. Its principal focus was the government of Joe Clark which, as a result of the embassy relocation promise, was viewed as being at best dangerously naive and at worst, grossly inept. Although the Jewish community leadership came in for a good deal of criticism, some businessmen were willing to agree privately that the fault was not so much with the Jewish community for welcoming Mr. Clark's promise to move the embassy as with Mr. Clark for having made the offer in the first place. Even so, the issue stands out as one of the rare occasions in the recent past on which collective corporate attitudes crystallized around a foreign policy question and resulted in a measure of co-ordinated political activity.

Turning to more recent events, there appears to be a consensus internationally that the Israeli siege of Beirut and the Phalangist massacre of Palestinians in the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps have — at least temporarily — done serious damage to Israel's image. Recent surveys in the United States by Newsweek magazine and others suggest a significant increase in sympathy for the Arab side and loss of support for Israel. At the time of writing, however, no reliable data exist concerning Canadian public opinion. Furthermore, any attempt to assess corporate attitudes concerning Israeli war aims in Lebanon is subject to the limitation referred to at the beginning of this essay. We run the risk of attributing to the corporate community a certain set of opinions and perceptions which in reality are no different from those present within the population as a whole. Nevertheless, certain observations can be offered, albeit based on a very limited and "unscientific" sampling.

BIFURCATION OF OPINION

There appears to be a bifurcation of opinion based upon age. Those businessmen whose generation lived through World War II and Korea were consistently more sanguine about Israel's aims in Lebanon and the methods adopted to achieve them than was the younger elite. The investing and bombardment of Beirut with the aim of eradicating the PLO's command structure and destroying its military effectiveness, were viewed as unpleasant but necessary. Allegations by the Canadian Ambassador to Lebanon, Theodore Arcand to the effect that the damage caused in west Beirut was comparable to that inflicted upon Berlin were treated with scorn. One senior executive, an ex-army officer, asserted that in fact, Israeli forces should have entered Beirut immediately upon arriving at its outskirts. The prospect of a sovereign and pro-Western Lebanon emerging "from the ruins" was greeted with enthusiasm by this older group. Younger executives tended to be more affected by the saturation news coverage which led them to believe that Lebanon was being totally decimated. Daily reports of massive civilian casualties — albeit originating from often dubious sources — had a significant impact on their perceptions. They believed that Begin and Sharon were out of control. Naturally, these two groups differed in their interpretations of the PLO's withdrawal from Beirut; the more senior group seeing it as a vindication of Israel's campaign objectives while its younger counterpart was merely relieved that the fighting had stopped.

However, for those who would find comfort in the fact that the Canadian corporate community may not be united in its antipathy to the present Israeli government, a word of caution. There is every reason to suppose that along with the rest of us, Israel's sympathizers within Canada's corporate community are expecting all parties to the conflict, including Israel, to show flexibility in their pursuit of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

Not Everybody Can Live In Israel

By
AVIVA RAVEL

I met Ferguson at Pumpernick's when it was located near Queen Mary, Snowdon's lively Jewish shopping area. He was staring out the window as though he were looking for his lost best friend. "Hello, Ferguson," I said and waited for an invitation to sit at his table. Seats were at a premium during the busy lunch hour.

Startled out of his musing, he turned his gaze on me and momentary annoyance quickly dissolved into a warm welcome. "Hello, Rivka, long time no see. Sit down. Ver tsezetst."

"You don't mind? You're not expecting anyone?"

"Only the Lubavitcher Rebbeh, but he was called away on urgent business, he's making kosher a couple of kitchens in Côte St. Luc."

The playful rivalry that had existed between us when we were members of rival Zionist youth organizations many years ago had long been forgotten. There was no need to break the ice, childhood friendships are forever, but I thought he needed cheering up. "Any snoo?" I asked.

"What's snoo?" he went along.

"Nothin'. What's new with you?"

His broad, rugged face, jowly and lined but still attractive at 55, broke into a reticent smile. "Trouble, trouble," he sighed.

"Malka's alright?"

"Sure, sure. Still teaching those adolescent delinquents at the Hebrew Academy and loving it, don't ask me why."

"Your kids?"

"They're okay. Scattered from Vancouver to Copenhagen. Doctor, lawyer, engineer, computer analyst. That's how it is," he said, barely concealing the naches-tone. Since he didn't inquire, I refrained from telling him about my geniuses and their respective accomplishments.

"Then why so glum chum?"

"Trouble, trouble."

After the waitress took my order, I remarked on the warm weather we were having for the time of year. If Ferguson didn't wish to confide in me, I wasn't going to probe. My motto has always been: don't ask questions, if a person wants to tell you what's on his mind, listen. A yenteh I'm not. It's amazing how readily people supply information if you appear indifferent. Now, you may wonder what a good Jewish boy is doing with a name like Ferguson when he was born Shmuel Kaplan? Simple. When he was thirteen, he became enamoured of a hockey player by the name of Ferguson. All you had to do was say hello to him and he'd go on and on about his hero: "Ferguson scored eight goals last night, Ferguson beat the shit out of the Boston Bruins, Ferguson is the fastest man on ice," etcetera. Finally, whenever Shmuel appeared, we'd say: "Here comes Ferguson," and the name stuck.

It only took a moment before Ferguson leaned forward and began his tale of woe. "You know Malka and I went on Aliyah in 1953."

"Sure."

"We were in Kibbutz Gan Emek for a year, thirteen and a half months to be exact," he said pensively.

"I remember." I also remembered he was an impassioned Zionist who made fiery speeches at rallies in which he denounced Communists, Trotskyites, General Zionists, the Bnai Brith and anti-Semites in a single breath.

"That was the happiest year of my life. But, things didn't work out. I was no shirker, ask anyone. But I wanted to work in the refet. In our kibbutz you were considered elite if you worked with cows. Chickens brought in money, but cows had charisma. You shovelled manure like a real worker, pitched hay, took the animals out to pasture like a goddam cowboy. You wore a big hat and overalls and felt like a somebody. Anyhow, Chaim, the merakez meshek, a lousy mamzer, ordered me to work in the kitchen for six months. Then Yoel would be gizbar and I'd replace him in the refet. Six months, I thought. In those days six months was like six years. I didn't go to Israel to wash dishes. A dishwasher I could be at Ruby Foo's! I was a chalutz, a farmer! So you can imagine how pissed off I was. Then my Malka had a miscarriage. Three months pregnant and that shmuck, Zvi, on the sidur avodah put her to work picking tomatoes. She was so depressed I thought she'd die. There were other things. I had a farshtunkeneh radio, they didn't let me keep it. Malka wouldn't lend one of the Rumanians her bathing suit so they brought her to the Vaadath Chaverim. Narishkeiten. But in those days a box of kleenex could start World War III. So, we decided to leave. Believe me, Rivka, we didn't want to leave the country. But we had no friends, no relatives in the city and no money. The kibbutz treated us like criminals. Worse. Even in this lousy province the anti-Semites say hello and goodbye. But there, nobody would talk to us. It was Siberia and Alaska rolled into one. You'd think I shoved my grandmother down the stairs like what's his name in that Dostoevsky novel. And everybloody day the bastards put me in the kitchen. We couldn't wait to get our tickets. Our parents borrowed money and brought us home. They said they were glad we came to our senses and surprised we didn't look like graduates from a hunger strike. We told them, and meant every word, we were only staying a couple of years to earn enough money to buy a home in Israel and maybe establish a little business. In the meantime, Malka went to Hebrew Teachers' College and I began to work for High Fashion. A couple of years, I said . . . I don't know where the years went to."

He blew his nose and the foghorn resonance attracted the neighboring tables. "What'-re you looking at?" he shouted in a booming baritone. "Gey vaks vi a tsibeleh mit'n kop in d'red. In tahten's tateh arein!"

I was embarrassed and would have left right then, but the waitress appeared with my baigel and lox. Ferguson wiped away a tear with the back of his hand and washed down a mouthful of pie with several gulps of coffee. Then he heaved a heavy sigh and emitted a prolonged groan, another sigh and another groan like a woman in the second stage of labour.

"Ferguson, why all this talk about Israel now?"

"Because the dream never died. All our lives we talked . . . next year . . . next year . . . in two years . . . but the children were born, went to school, Malka got her degree, her father aluv hasholem was sick for three years, my mother, aleha hasholem had heart trouble, it wasn't easy to pack up and go. And there was my job." There was no mistaking the tone of disgust at his final utterance.

"You're complaining about your job all of a sudden?" I asked incredulously. While Ferguson was definitely not in the Bronfman echelon, he earned a comfortable upper middle-class living, lived in Hampstead, drove a Cadillac, entertained lavishly at his country home in Stowe, and supported his children through first-class colleges.

"Of course I'm complaining. Thirty years I give to High Fashion. Thirty farshtunkeneh years of my short life. When all this time I should have been living over there, with the sun shining above, blue skies, palm trees, a vegetable garden, and a person walks in the street he can swear in Yiddish and nobody gives him dirty looks. Where a man is proud to be what he is. Prost un pooshet!" He pounded the table with his fist and the cutlery trembled.

"Not everybody can live in Israel," I said.

"Exactly what I used to say. If all the Jews went to Israel, there'd be no room for everybody. It's a country the size of a shemishkeh. Someone's got to stay in the golah, collect money, put pressure on America to look after our interests in the Middle East . . ."

"Of course."

"Bullshit!" he bellowed. "That's what it is, bullshit! If a person wants to go, he goes!" He raised his arm and pointed eastward.

"So what's stopping you?" I glanced at my watch impatiently. My colleague expected me to relieve her in ten minutes.

"Wait a minute and I'll tell you. Wait till you hear what der oibishter has done to me. A disaster to outdo all disasters! And you think Tevyeh had problems!"

For a terrible moment I thought Ferguson had been stricken with a terminal illness. However, his animated dark eyes, good complexion, and abundant energy did not bespeak a sick man. In fact, he never looked better or more prosperous. His pin-stripe grey suit was tailor-made to perfection, the tie bore a Pierre Cardin insignia, a monogrammed handkerchief peeped casually from his jacket pocket and his ample head of greying hair was elegantly styled by an artist.

"Ferguson, are you going to tell me or not? I can't wait forty days and nights for revelation."

"Patience, Rivka, patience."

"I'm patient," I said, "but I'm not so sure about the bookkeeper."

He roared across the room for another cup of coffee and resumed his story. "Three years ago I put my zshlobby foot down. Next year, I

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said to Malka, we settle in Israel, and that's final. The kids are gone, our parents thank God are resting in peace at the Chevreh Kadisha . . . believe me Rivka, it cost a fortune in doctor bills, funerals, but never mind that. And Malka said, 'Whatever you say, Fergie.' That's one wife in a million. It's always: 'whatever you say, Fergie.' But Malka, I said, 'I can't hand in my resignation. If I'm fired, I'll get severance pay. One month's salary for every year I worked for Finkel, $150,000 is nothing to sneeze at. And with the pension, we're all set. We'll buy a villa in Caesarea and retire. Ah cholerya on the rat race.' So, Rivka, I tried to get myself fired. You don't know what I went through, fire and water, snow and hail-storms and you can throw in a couple of earthquakes while you're at it. A man who's been loyal to a company for thirty years has to think up pretty rotten schemes to get himself fired. And I had schemes! Did I have schemes! I decided to turn High Fashion upside down. Drive everybody crazy. Make ash un porech from the business. First thing, I went to Finkel and said, "Our styles are all wrong."

I was astonished to hear Ferguson make such a preposterous statement. High Fashion produces an excellent, medium-priced garment, styles to flatter the figure, slenderizing if you're plump, they also add fullness to strategic points that lack curvature. Who doesn't buy High Fashion? Even I have a few of their dresses hanging in my closet.

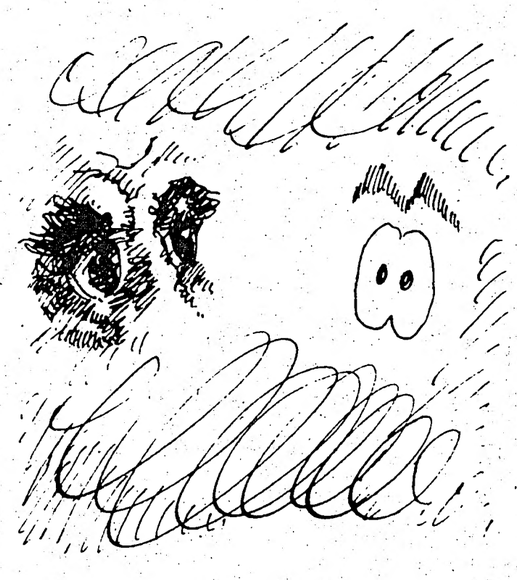
" 'What do you mean, all wrong?' Finkel asked. 'Trust me', I said, and the yold did. I told the designer to design rag skirts and dresses, from shmatehs I tell you. Cotton, silk, denim, wool, a mishmash. For evening wear yet. He thought I was meshugeh and complained to Finkel. I was happy! This was it! But Finkel ordered him to do as I say, and the shmateh dress came into fashion."

"I know, Fergie, I have one. Beautiful fit."

He threw me a black look and continued. I wouldn't give up. Oh no. I told him to design the zipper dress. You remember that line? Zippers on the sleeves, three zippers around the skirt, four on the side, two in the middle. Ingantsen tsedrayt! What woman in her right mind would buy a dress with 36 zippers?"

I thought fondly of the zip-robe in my closet but this time refrained from comment.

"The designer objected so I fired him without Finkel's permission. The boss never said a word. Turned out he never liked the designer personally, a meiseh about a game of poker, and was glad to see him go. I hired a tsootsik, a nineteen year old kid just out of diapers from CEGEP. And tragedy struck again. Our zipper model was the rage two years ago. You want a mini, unzip the skirt, you want sleeveless, unzip the sleeves, you want backless, unzip the back. We couldn't manufacture enough. Finkel gave me a 15% raise. Well, Rivka, I wasn't getting anywhere so I tried a different method. I'd be obnoxious. And I was obnoxious! I yelled at the operators, I cursed the cutters, picked fights with the finishers over an inch of thread, shouted at the office girls, punched a cutter, even stormed at Finkel himself. But did it help? No. Nobody took me seriously. They wouldn't believe that a kind, understanding, gentle, good person like myself would turn into Pharaoh yemach shmoh overnight. 'Ferguson, take an aspirin. Ferguson, take the day off. Ferguson, I brought a dozen roses for your office, Ferguson, try my shtrudel you'll feel better, Ferguson, I know a good psychiatrist, Ferguson maybe a salt free diet . . . ' Anyhow, I gave up on obnoxious and reorganized the whole operation. You know how it is in a factory. One person does sleeves, another pockets, a third collars. So without Finkel's knowledge I made every operator sew a complete garment. That would never win the Nobel prize for efficiency. But Finkel took a look and smiled! The yold smiled! 'You amaze me, Ferguson,' he said, 'the way you have the workers' interests at heart. I like that. A person should feel pride in his work. You can't feel pride in a pocket, but a complete garment, that's something else.' It so happens that production levels were maintained and the workers were happy. A month later I made them switch garments every hour. They liked that too. It broke the monotony. The women were singing at the machines. You'd think it was the goddam Metropolitan Opera! And Finkel gave me another bonus. But, Rivka, I had one more card up my sleeve. And if that didn't get me fired, I'd quit and to hell with the severance pay. Anyhow, I was assistant manager. Lionel Sohn, Finkel's son-in-law was the manager. But he was hardly there, so he didn't bother me and I didn't bother him. He spent three months at Dubrovnik, two months in Mexico, a month in Brazil, to get orders he said. Four months in the Bahamas for two orders! But it's Finkel's family and I always minded my own business. So I went to Finkel and said: 'Either Lionel goes or I go. He's a drain on the company. A good for nothing. We don't need him travelling around. We'll print a catalogue, hire a girl to send it all over the world, and orders will come in at a fraction of the cost. Lionel has to go.' 'But Fergie, my Bella's husband. You can't ask me to do that.' 'So fire me, Mr. Finkel, please fire me.' I pleaded. But Finkel took a long, deep breath and said, 'No, I won't fire you. I'll fire him. You're right. What does he do on the Riviera three months at a time while my daughter is all alone?' To make a long story short, he fired Lionel who divorced Finkel's daughter, who married an archaeologist and she has never been happier."



Ferguson rested his chin momentarily on his elbow and assumed the contemplative pose of a Talmudic scholar. "Rivka, it's good to talk to you. I never told this to anyone. I was at my wits' end, whatever wits I had left. Finkel depended on me. How could I walk out on him? But, I hardened my heart."

Ferguson sat erect in his chair and stared me in the eye. "Yes, I hardened my heart. I'm no spring chicken. Israel will be there forever, with or without God's help, but I won't. We must go now or never. I had one last plan. You won't believe what I did." The waitress brought his coffee with a beautiful smile. Apparently, Ferguson was a big tipper.

" 'Mr. Finkel,' I said, 'I've given thirty years of my life to your business. And what do I have? A few dollars in the bank, a nice house, a car with air-conditioning. But dignity! I want dignity, Mr. Finkel. 50% of the profits and 50% share of the business.' I Tell you, Rivka, the man turned whiter than this paper napkin. This is it, I thought. He'll fire me for sure. 'Fergie,' he finally said, and the tears came to his eyes, 'you're like a son to me. If only one of my daughters had taken a fancy to you, I'd have been the happiest man in the world. You know my father alov hasholem, started the business and gave it to me. I'm old now. My children don't want it. Only you, Fergie, care about High Fashion. It's in your blood. So I tell you what. Take half the company, it's yours, you deserve it. I'm going to settle in Miami. You just send me an accounting every year. I trust you implicitly. Congratulations, Ferguson. The business couldn't be in better hands.' With that he left the office and hasn't been back. So what shall I do now, Rivka? Quit? I ask you. But Israel! Oy Israel!"

The name of Shmuel Ferguson Kaplan is big in Montreal's Jewish community. The Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue and the Jewish National Fund have given dinners in his honour. He is an active member on the Board of Directors of the United Jewish Appeal and he has endowed a chair at the Bar Ilan University for studies in psychology. The Canadian Jewish News frequently carries his familiar portrait in connection with some worthy cause. It is a known fact that Ferguson never turns anyone away empty-handed.

Last week I met him at a wedding anniversary of a mutual friend who had been in the Youth Movement with us. He took me aside. "Rivka, you don't know how you helped me that day we met at Pumpernick's. I came to terms with my life. For the first time I understood my role in der oibershter's plan." His body radiated joy. "I was in my old kibbutz a few weeks ago. Ah, what a beautiful place. A gan eden. You should have seen how they received me. Like I was King of Jerusalem. Even that bastard, Chaim, who is still merakez meshek by the way, spoke to me with respect. I'm building them a gymnasium, with an indoor and outdoor swimming pool, a sauna, tennis court, exercise equipment, the works. They're calling it The Ferguson Stadium. So you see, Rivka, it all works out in the end. If I can't live in Israel, at least my name is there.

Israel and Quebec:
A Linguistic Comparison?

By
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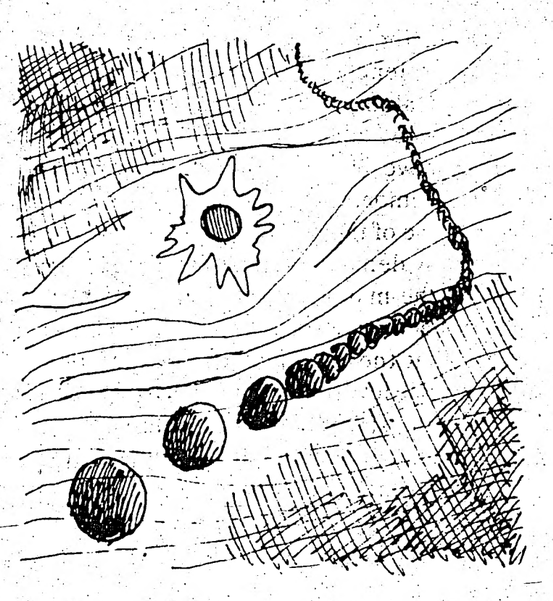
Last spring, Dr. Pierre Laporte, a sociologist who is research director of the Office de la Langue Francaise of Quebec addressed two open Jewish community meetings. The meetings were held in successive weeks, once in French and once in English, were cosponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress and the Office, and were advertised widely in the press. The meetings were specifically aimed at the Jewish audience, their ostensible purpose to enable Dr. Laporte to present his observations regarding linguistic policy in Israel and to compare language planning in Quebec and Israel. He went to great lengths to stress the non-political nature of his talks; he saw them as intellectual undertakings and expressed the hope that his listeners would be able to consider the points that he raised in a dispassionate manner.

Whether the two speeches can indeed be regarded as non-political is an interesting question. Even if one were to concede that Dr. Laporte had a genuinely intellectual purpose in making his report to the Jewish community, the political dimension can not be overlooked. The underlying theme of the talks was the contention that Israel (more properly the Jews of Eretz Yisrael) had to go to great lengths in order to revive the Hebrew language and solidify its place as the principal language of the Yishuv. The obvious implication was that if the Jews could do that in Israel, why cannot the Quebecois do the same thing in Quebec?

Thus Dr. Laporte's appearances before the Jewish community can be seen as an attempt to legitimize Quebec government language policy in the eyes of the Jews, thereby breaking down the intense grassroots opposition to that policy that exists in much of the Jewish community. The fact that Dr. Laporte spent a few weeks in Israel, is on good terms with a number of Jewish linguists, and has an engaging personality all contributed to the creation of a positive atmosphere for the transmission of his message, which might be loosely characterized as "C'est bien normal!"



It is fortunate that the audience was not taken in by the superficially informed references to Hebrew language development, with particular emphasis on the great pressure applied to members of the Yishuv in order to get them to speak Hebrew. Yes, Israel does have its very own counterpart to Laporte's Office, the Academy of the Hebrew Language. Yes, it does publish manuals that tell one and all the proper Hebrew terms for mechanical and scientific items (many of us fondly recall learning the Hebrew term for the "front rear axle and the back rear axle".) But underneath it all, the situations are markedly at variance. Comparisons are certainly in order, but even though Laporte concedes that the differences are very great, the implication of his message is that the Jews must be sympathetic to Quebec's efforts to protect the French language because we are cognizant of what had to be done to ensure the survival of the Hebrew language and its adoption as the vernacular by the Jews of the Land of Israel. I would contend, however, that a careful examination of the Israeli experience will demonstrate the vast gulf between Israeli policy and the policy presently pursued by the Quebec government. If Quebec language planners really learned from the Israeli experience, they would have proposed a language policy quite dissimilar from that which is in place now.

The first point that must be understood is that until the present, century Hebrew had not been a spoken, living language for over two millenia, even though Jews learned to read the language and understand it in the classical texts and in prayer. Hebrew was clearly the one language that all Jews had in common, but it was not generally used as a means of communication. Those who were determined to revive it and indeed make it the vernacular of the Jews — at least those Jews living in th Land of Israel — knew that they faced a formidable task; creating modern terminology and forms as well as motivating disparate people to speak the language. The measure of the success of Eliezer Ben-Yehudah and those who followed him is evident to anyone who visits Israel. For example, what occurred when Ben-Yehudah's tombstone was defaced earlier this year by anti-Zionist protesters. One of his descendants is reported to have remarked that at least this outrageous action demonstrated that Ben-Yehudah had indeed triumphed: the desecration was written in Hebrew!

The key to the success of the Hebraists was their ability to foster the commitment and motivation of the people of the Yishuv. Their struggle is not over yet, the tombstone incident notwithstanding, because the temptation to utilize foreign words, even in transliteration is manifested in many ways. Yet no one has seriously proposed massive government intervention to protect the language and allow it to flourish. There have been a few calls for modestly restrictive legislation in recent years, but they have not attracted great support. Perhaps the reason is the strong tradition of self-reliance that developed in the pre-state period. After all, most of the accomplishments in terms of adopting Hebrew as the vernacular occurred well before 1948, a period when there was no state apparatus available to further such purposes. Such coercion as was used, and undoubtedly the more zealous advocates of the Hebrew language put pressure on their countrymen, was on a personal level. This gives it an entirely different character from state coercion, most notably because of the lack of the force of law. Moreover, and this is most important, it was always assumed that the responsibility for making the Hebrew language flourish as a living language rested squarely on the shoulders of the Jews of the Yishuv, and not on any of the other inhabitants. Even when the formidable resources of the state became available after 1948, there

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was no change in the underpinning of policy: the Jews had an obligation toward the Hebrew language, but no one else did. The result of the historical development, and the underlying attitudes that were fostered, is a liberal and tolerant atmosphere with regard to language.

The comparisons with the Quebec experience are obvious and need not be belabored. French has always been the living language of the French Canadians and is the source of a vibrant culture. Until the advent of the language laws of the last decade, the responsibility for preserving the French language in North America lay primarily with the French-speaking people of Canada themselves. In some situations it seemed that the effort to preserve the French language and culture was not successful, especially for French Canadians living outside Quebec. If the French language needed help, it was precisely in such situations, and indeed the federal government's language policy since 1967 seems to have been developed with such considerations in mind. However, the language policy of the province of Quebec, with which Dr. Laporte is concerned, applies precisely in that area where the survival of French is least problematical. Moreover, much of the responsibility for the realization of the goals of Quebec's language policy is shifted to the minority of Quebec's population that is not French-speaking. This represents a fundamental difference between the situations in Israel and Quebec.

SOVEREIGNTY ISSUE

There are other reasons why one must be wary about glib comparisons between the two jurisdictions. Even if the language policies were found to be similar, which I deny, it is a fact that Israel is an independent state and Quebec is not. The attribute of sovereignty casts a different light on the policies that Israel pursued compared to those of Quebec. It can be argued that language policy is more properly the responsibility of a sovereign state than of a unit of a state, although one recognizes the existence of the Canadian constitutional position on this issue. There can be no guarantee that a state will enact a proper policy, but there is probably more scope for give and take in a large heterogeneous unit than in a smaller more homogeneous unit. Furthermore, a large homogeneous unit might prove to be very dangerous for the few small minorities within it, as has been the experience in France.

Another major difference between the two jurisdictions is the official status accorded the minority language. Here Laporte, despite efforts to avoid the obvious trap, fell into it on several occasions during his talk. Because many Israelis concerned about the future of the Hebrew language worry about the danger of using English too much, it is possible to make a facile comparison to Quebec. But that error is very misleading. Whereas the primary minority language in Quebec is English, the major minority language in Israel is Arabic. Therefore a proper comparison of language policies should focus on the official treatment of English in Quebec and Arabic in Israel. The status of English in Israel may be an important question for Israeli language planners, as it is for language planners in France, but in neither case is English the language of the largest minority group. It is one thing to be concerned about a language that is foreign to a country; it is quite another matter to formulate policies governing the language that is the mother tongue of a substantial portion of the citizens of the country.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

Ever since Israel was created, Arabic has been one of the two official languages of the country. There is no question about its use in the formal proceedings of government, including the Knesset and the courts. There is an Arabic-language school system for Arab students and there are no legal restrictions on the use of Arabic. In business, signs can be written in Arabic, or any other language for that matter, subject only to the commercial considerations of the merchant. Arabs are free to conduct their business in Arabic if they please. The government also offers radio and television services in Arabic, including a significant proportion of the broadcast hours of Israel's single television channel. Such observations, of course, do not represent a general analysis of the situation of Israeli Arabs. The point is simply that they are unhindered in their ability to use Arabic. If they are motivated to learn Hebrew, that is the result of general economic and social conditions, and not of legal constraints on the use of their mother tongue.

In Quebec, there is only one official language: French. The use of English is restricted for legal and commercial purposes and would be restricted even further were it not for the protections afforded by the Constitution. Admission to English language school is restricted, even for English-speaking children. English signs are virtually excluded from commercial use and there are legal limitations on the use of English in business. The government television service, Radio-Quebec, broadcasts almost exclusively in French. Thus the contrast between the language policies of Israel and Quebec is very great indeed. In fact Israel has almost no language legislation and has relied primarily on private initiative and non-coercive measures in pursuit of its goals with respect to the Hebrew language. And this is in a country where the Jewish majority group constitutes about 83 percent of the population while the Arab minority of some 17 percent is part of the regional Arab presence of over 100 million people.

SITUATIONS DIFFERENT

The point of all this is that the situations with regard to language in Israel and Quebec are indeed quite different. Insofar as there was a determined effort to advance the use of the relevant language, Hebrew or French, there are superficial similarities. But there are vast differences in the underlying assumptions, the methods used, the content of policy, and the objectives. Perhaps the most important contrast between the two situations concerns the use of coercion. Laporte in his talk emphasized the use of social and ideological coercion in the Yishuv, in order to compel people to speak Hebrew and use it regularly. But this was in no way comparable to the legal coercion presently employed in Quebec, complete with penalties that can be imposed by the courts. Whether or not the predicament of French in Canada was more critical than the predicament of Hebrew in Israel remains questionable; what is certain is that the methods chosen to deal with those problems varied significantly.

FREE TO PURSUE

Even more importantly, the pioneers in the use of modern Hebrew, as well as those who have had responsibility more recently in this area, never believed that the cause of Hebrew would be advanced by imposing disabilities and restrictions on the use of Arabic. On the contrary, they always believed that the Arabs should be free to pursue their own linguistic and cultural objectives. When immigrants came to Israel, they were surely exposed to an ideology that placed great emphasis on the speaking of Hebrew. But the reasoning was based on the knowledge that they were not simply immigrants to a country, they were Jewish immigrants to a Jewish countryu. The kinds of attitudes that were engendered are best illustrated by the example of an American Jewish couple who came on aliyah as adults in 1948: they resolved never to bring a non-Hebrew newspaper into their home. In the 35 years since, they have adhered to that resolution. Surely it would have been easier to read the *Jerusalem Post*. It is that kind of peronsal commitment that has contributed so much to the success of the Hebrew language in modern Israel.

Interestingly, language has not been a political issue in Israel, as it is in Quebec. Perhaps part of the explanation can be found in the attitudes of self-reliance and individual responsibility so characteristic of Jewish Israelis. The consequence of this determination to ensure the primacy of Hebrew among the Jews through a variety of non-governmental organizations and enterprises has been the successful incorporation of Hebrew into every aspect of Israeli life, without jeopardizing the continuing respect for the minority language and tolerance for those who speak it.

Viewpoint From Israel

By
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When it comes to excitement and suspense, the movie thrillers Israel Television imports from abroad have a hard time competing with the action-packed news that is beamed into the country's homes every evening at 9.00 p.m. This year, two long playing cliff-hangers have engaged Israelis concurrently as spectators and participants: the doctors' strike, which ran for 118 days, and the unfinished business in Lebanon that continues to dominate the news.

The doctors' dilemma has a history going back to the pioneering days. The socialist visionaries, hewing to a utopian view of work, insisted that the doctor, the mechanic, the plumber, carpenter etc. be viewed as workers whose toil was of equal value to the community. The physicians regard this nowadays as romantic nonsense peculiar to the chalutzic age of innocence but, predictably, the patients have been slower to discard this egalitarian outlook. The medical services, created in 1911, were hurriedly expanded in the early fifties to meet the needs created by a massive influx of immigrants. Many doctors heading Kupat Holim or sick fund clinics and hospitals, were themselves refugees whose first aim was to see their newly arrived colleagues back in medical practice. This immediate concern, though understandable, hampered thorough planning of services that took full account of the medical profession's long range interests. The neglect of a generation ago has left a wide range of problems including low salaries, long working hours, meagre status for clinic-based physicians and a demanding clientele that uses the medical services far too excessively.

FEELING OF NATIONAL URGENCY

People trying to understand the events that led up to the strike tend to compare it to the Yamit crisis, induced to block the return of the town to Egypt under the terms of the camp David Agreement, or to the El Al walk-out which led to the break-up of Israel's national air carrier. But neither of these traumatic events drew the public reaction that the doctors' strike did. Only the war in Lebanon evoked the same feeling of national urgency — although, oddly enough, that mood was created, not by the military action on the fighting front but by the Phalange massacre in the Sabra and Shatilla refugee camps. The mass demonstration that came on the heels of that tragedy left Israel with yet another lingering, often bitter, controversy. Those condemning criticism in time of war see it as a form of defeatism that saps the community's morale. Those who favour freedom of critical expression maintain that restraining it during a war amounts to a setback for the very democratic rights that are being defended. These ideas may be the stuff that heated debates are made of but one wonders how much of an impact such polemics have on the ordinary citizen who comes to demonstrate.

In the case of the doctors' strike (as well as the Tel Aviv demonstration in the city square following the massacre) community involvement was activated by a collective feeling of concern that the situation had gone beyond an acceptable level of tolerance. In fact, at the outset public support for the strike was not very pronounced because of a general undertone of resentment at the deep inroads private practice had made into what is supposed to be socialized medicine. Even this mild sympathy took a sharp drop when the strike leaders attempted to bring a quick climax to the confrontation with the government by making the doctors inaccessible to the public. Their removal in busses en masse to various resort towns was a piece of mind boggling stupidity that immediately branded them as uncaring healers who had deserted their patients. The skeleton staffs left behind in clinics and hospitals worked themselves to the point of exhaustion but that manifestation of care for the sick could not shake the hardened image the strikers had acquired. It was not until the staff members of Beersheba's Soroka Hospital went on a hunger strike and were promptly joined by 3,000 colleagues in all parts of the country that the doctors regained their stride. For many of them the move was an expression of remorse over their foolish jaunt to the resort hotels. Fasting was a way of doing penance, a way of regaining their ethical authority as professionals committed to the practice of medicine.

But as far as the public was concerned the moral issue was something for the doctors to ponder. The people came bearing placards in support of the hunger strikers and demanding an end to this bizarre labour dispute. They saw in the doctors' self-disabling approach an action that was well on the way to putting the entire system of medical practice in Israel out of commission. With the awareness that such a possibility had become imminent, public opinion left no doubt that the risk could no longer be tolerated. The government got the message and steps to resolve the strike followed very quickly.

DWELL ON IMPLICATIONS

The doctors' strike and the war in Lebanon are not comparable in scope. Yet, both events bear comparing as developments which have made a deep impact on the population. Israelis continue to dwell on their implications without let up.

We think of wars as externally formed threats to the physical safety of the people and of moral crises as being produced by a society's inner dilemmas. Israel was shaken this year by two events that played hob with these assumptions. The doctors' strike gave rise to an internal predicament which endangered, first and foremost, the physical well-being of the people, and the war in Lebanon, carried out on foreign soil, has left inner rifts which have polarized the population as never before.

In both cases an insistent public opinion came to the fore which had the effect of pressuring the government to take action: the appointment of a legally empowered committee to arbitrate the doctors' strike, and the Kahan Commission findings on Sabra and Shatilla are now history. And on both occasions community involvement came as a last resort at the prompting of a certain gut consensus that the time to act had arrived. This intuitive sense of timing is in keeping with a people that views its predicament as survivors. This may seem like something akin to paranoia but the objective observer will discern in this an outlook not lacking in realism. This is not because the hundreds of thousands of former refugees and Holocaust survivors keep memories evergreen in Israel, but because of the internalized, ever present survivor's kit to which every citizen has recourse as he or she goes about the day's business. For example, any person who loses a piece of luggage, or a brief case, or a hand bag can rest assured that it will remain untouched where it was left behind. Anyone in his right senses will not touch it. Venturing toward it is a risky assignment best left to the police sappers who come equipped to probe it expertly as a suspicious object that may be set for an explosion.

While neither the doctors' strike nor the operation in Lebanon can be said to have threatened Israel's very existence, the people may be excused if, in these two crisis situations, they brought to their broad-based involvement a sense of last resort action. Restoring the medical services went beyond considerations of community morale in the usual sense of the word. With increasing numbers of physicians and surgeons joining the hunger strikers it became clear that not only the civilian population was put at risk but that the Israel Defense Force was being affected as well. That is because the military draws on the civilian doctors to render medical care during their army reserve duty. Thus a badly

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Viewpoints

On Growing Up J.A.P.

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Attention K-Mart shoppers!

If you are a bona fide Jewish American Princess (J.A.P.), these three words are probably as foreign to you as polyester, Timex and ironing.

So **The Official J.A.P. Handbook: The Complete Guide To Jewish American Princesses and Princes** tells us.

And tells us and tells us and tells us.

For two hundred and ten straight pages we get the full picture of the JAP life based on such alluring topics as "Charge plates: you buy and Daddy pays" to "Employment for others, of course" and "Tennis: doesn't everyone?" And you can even take a test to determine how JAPPY you really are, based on your ability to know if the brand name Fendi is associated with furs or cellulite reduction spas. Pretty funny stuff, right? And true, so true! Of course, very few people readily admit to being members of this group themselves (including the author, who writes about her cousin Marsha Lynn), but everybody surely knows somebody who fits the role to a "T" — you know, one of those frivolous light-headed blondes you always see prancing through the mall, all bedecked in mink and diamonds just to pick up the dry-cleaning?

Pretty funny stuff, indeed.

About the only thing this book seems to have accomplished is that it has caused thousands of normally sane, rational human beings to pop out of the woodwork at home, school, work and parties gleefully let loose a barrage of the latest gems from the wonderful world of "JAP Jokes" . . . everything from the ever-popular 'what does a JAP make for dinner?' (reservations, of course) to 'which is the favourite JAP wine?' (I have nothing to wear!) And since no one admits to being a JAP, no one is offended and it's all in the name of good fun.

But is it all really benign, or better still, fun? Not if you happen to be one of those unfortunates whom others perceive or rather dismiss as a JAP. For a JAP by any other name is a derogatory stereotype that took seed in the nouveau riche bastions of Long Island, New York and spread as far as Cote Saint Luc, Quebec and as wide as South Africa (though here the sons and daughters of wealthy Jewish parents are called 'bagels' and 'kugels' for some unfathomable reason, except that it's more esthetically pleasing than J.S.A.P.).

Few people realize what J.A.P.s must go through on a day to day basis. As sons and daughters of the so-called 'Duddy Kravitz Generation' they are endlessly subjected to tales of the good old days when nobody had maids or dishwashers or cars and everybody walked five miles to school, even in snow storms, and then worked their way through college or life for a dollar a week, and how it was all so wonderful because everybody had character — none of today's handing-everything-to-the-kids-on-a-silver-platter routine. And then, of course, there are the obligatory trips to the 'old neighbourhood' to peer through tinted Mercedes Benz windows and get Mom and Dad's misty watercolour memories of the way they were. Poor.

But at least they had character! They had to go out and get what they wanted from life, because their immigrant parents were too busy working eighty hour weeks in sweat shops just to put food on the table. They swore to themselves that **their** children would never lack for anything. And so they worked their pants off to reach the 'promised lands' a.k.a. suburbia, spoiled their kids rotten and now continually turn around and chastize them for having no character. Go figure.

But that's only the beginning of a JAP's problems. Being perceived as a bleach-blonde air-head in designer jeans kind of makes it tough going for those sons and daughters (mainly daughters) of wealthy Jewish parents who want to achieve something on their own. Not only do people hesitate to take you seriously but they also feel it is their duty to remind you at every opportunity that you wouldn't be where you are today if your 'father wasn't born before you.' Which makes sense biologically, but logically it is just so much pchaw. For there comes a time in nearly every JAP's life when he or she realizes that all the loot belongs to Daddy. Few self-respecting individuals are content to coast through life on Daddy's MasterCard. Most want to be able to butter their own bagels, if you will. And even though they may have graduated from McGill or Yale or the Fashion Institute of Technology — as opposed to the School of Hard Knocks — most even manage to bring in their own lox.

That is not to say that parents shouldn't be given any credit, but don't write off their offspring either. A JAP might be lucky enough to step into his father's business, but he must be doing **something** right if that business doesn't go bankrupt, or indeed, if it turns a better profit than it did when Dad used to run it.

Okay, okay, to be sure there are a select few second and third generation Jews who list their religion as 'conspicuous consumption', their place of worship as "Bloomindale's" and their spiritual leader as Ralph Lauren — but certainly we can't condemn an entire generation for the sins of a few, can we? Sure we can. And we do.

In fact, most people make the mistaken assumption that all JAPs are alike. Especially females. You've seen one, you've seen them all. But that simply isn't true, for JAPS tend to fall into four distinct categories: there's Type A who scores One Hundred Percent on all the tests in the Official Handbook; Type B knows her Baume Mercier from her Piaget, but spends just as much time on her law practice; Type C fails The Official JAP tests dismally but will do them until she gets them right; and finally there is, Type D, who vehemently denies she's a JAP and will maintain right to the bitter end that she just wears her Blackgamma mink to the grocery store because the frozen food section chills her to the bone.

The real truth of the matter is that many, if not most, young Jewish women from even the wealthiest of suburbs defy any of these stereotypes; and most people, upon meeting them for the first time are often overheard to exclaim in shocked, if not disappointed tones, something like "my, but you're so Un-JAPpy!" Really, it's so much easier to lump them all together like so many Nippon dresses at a wedding — and more fun to boot.

Perhaps the worst perpetrators of this stereotyping are Jewish boys themselves. Although they could match their female counterparts JAP for JAP, they tend to think of themselves as above all that. In fact, many Jewish boys from wealthy homes are often heard to threaten that they will never, ever take out a Jewish girl as long as they live (which is usually short when they express this attitude in front of their parents). Of course **everybody** knows that you have to spend money on a date with a Jewish girl or she won't go out with you again — and sex, forget it. No sir, give you a good old **shikseh** any day, those girls appreciate the simple things in life like a ride in the old Trans Am. Throw in a Big Mac and some fries and they'll follow you anywhere, those **shiksehs**. So you need to date a JAP like a you need a hole in your wallet.

The trouble with books like **The Official JAP Handbook** is that for all the knowing little chuckles it evokes, it helps to perpetuate, if not worsen, the situation in the eyes of Jews and non-Jews alike. Not all Jewish girls from wealthy suburbs want a Mercedes, have a gold coke spoon or will die an early death if they don't have a Cuisinart. But you'd think so after skimming through the various chapters, — indeed, after glancing at the cover. There is nothing redeeming about this book, except for the fact that it urges you to get help if you score too high on the drug and alcohol sections of the questionnaire. Presumably, most people who read it will realize that it is meant to be satire and that satire calls for exaggeration. Unfortunately most people just end up assuming that most, if not all, Jewish girls are designer label junkies with absolutely nothing on the ball.

But then again, we don't have to look south of the border to point a finger at those who conspire to perpetuate the JAP image. Take, for example, the 'Bride and Groom' magazine, the Canadian creation that dares to bill itself as 'a report on happiness.' What it should do is bill itself as a 'report on JAPpiness'! How can we find fault with the existence of a JAP handbook when we allow this magazine to represent a generation of young Jews in a straight, factual manner that has a Mercedes ad on its first page, to be followed by a slew of ads for some of the most expensive products in Canada? Not on earth! Unless, of course, the credo of all young Jewish soon-to-be and just-married couples is 'gaudiness is next to godliness'?

At fault too, are the so-called JAPs themselves. It hardly makes for credibility when you stand around with an endangered species snakeskin purse slung over your shoulder while maintaining that you're definitely not one of 'them'. Of course there is nothing wrong with buying the best if you can afford it, but if designer labels should become your main topic of conversation, then you deserve not only the **Official JAP Handbook**, but many, many sequels. There's already the **Official JAP Paper Doll Book** complete with designer diaphram case for Marsha Lynn and a designer doctor's bag for her male counterpart (once again art imitates life!). Jewish girls who have allowed Ralph Lauren to take over their lives have become a walking joke and rightly so.

So what is the answer then? Should everyone who might be considered JAP, that is everyone who was born with some advantages, get together and burn their designer labels? Should their parents move back to the 'old neighbourhoods' and teach better character through poorer living? Perhaps the JAPs of the world should look to their more orthodox brothers and sisters for guidance, — you know, base their lives on good clean Torah living as opposed to fashion tips from Vogue?

The truth of the matter is, there is no easy answer. The idea is to refrain, hard as it might be, from dismissing all Jewish girls in nice clothes, and yes, even streaked hair, as JAPs. Perhaps parents should nip the problem in the bud, literally, by not turning their newborn infants into PITs (Princesses and Princes In Training). Most people look upon a six week old infant with a jaundiced eye when they see him or her outfitted, day in and day out, in fifty dollar LaCoste outfits. And anyway, babies don't know the difference. They'll spit up on a Calvin Klein just as soon as a K-Mart. Besides, if nothing comes between you and your Calvins when you're a few weeks old, what is going to be at the age of ten? Fifteen? Forty? Designer clothes are a habit, like smoking or drinking coffee. The younger you start, the harder it is to quit. What a shock it is, for a JAP on her own for the first time, when she discovers that something really does come between her and her Calvins — namely a low-paying job and the high cost of food and shelter.

It's enough to make her want to end it all by jumping off her shoes.

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disrupted health care program was bound to spill its problems over into the medical services being provided by the IDF to military personnel.

As for the events that led up to the appointment of the Kahan Commission, the massacre in the Palestinian refugee camps started rumors flying about Israel being involved and generated a profound moral crisis which began to threaten seriously the spiritual well-being of the society. Now, that the better part of a year has elapsed since the appointment of the Kathan Commission to investigate the calamitous event in Sabra and Shatilla, hindsight is sufficient to let one assess what the situation might have been like today in Israel, and indeed throughout the communities in the Diaspora, if this Commission had not come into existence. The very act of appointing that body lifted the spirit of the people in Israel, of the Jewish communities abroad, and, one may say, of Israel's true friends at a time when the world public media turned itself into a vast propaganda machine against the Jewish state.

There is no shortage of evidence in the world press about the dramatic change produced by the appointment of the Kahan Commission. One of the numerous examples is the address delivered by David Kimche, director general of Israel's Foreign Ministry, at the Royal Institute of International Affairs in London. He went there not as an apologist to do a public relations job. He appeared there in the role of an accuser charging Britain with using a double standard in its treatment of Israel and developments in Lebanon. The source of the moral authority behind his firm position was the Kahan Commission. It enabled him to challenge not only his distinguished audience in London but the rest of the nations taking a 'holier than thou' view of Israel, with his statement: "Israel is doing something about what happened in Beirut which no other country in similar circumstances . . . has done."

Meanwhile, the interminable debate between those who take a dim view of demonstrations as being unpatriotic and those who favour them continues unabated. The gulf between them, needless to say, remains unbridged.

Poetry Corner

MY DAUGHTER

She changes clothes
ten times a day
then reborn, steps out of them –
a liquid Venus.

Luminous hair
shadows a Christian pallor;
Dionysian Greece
sits on pagan lips.

She is Jewish,
Botticelli.
How far did you dip into history
to paint my daughter.

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